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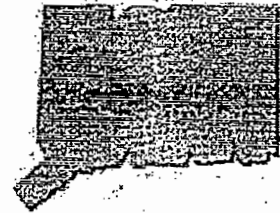
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## State President



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There are just a few Subordinate Granges left to evaluate and the reports are pretty good. From what I have read the Granges have taken

it. The most important item is the National Session. There are many odd jobs left to fill and some are not on my mind right now. Those of you who have already been assigned a job need not be concerned now. Those of you who have not will be contacted soon. It would be helpful if you could contact Jody Cameron (Convention Coord.) at [jodycameron2000@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jodycameron2000@sbcglobal.net) or at (860) 564-7614 to let us know which days you will be attending the session so he can fit

best to support both of them. Besides they are enjoyable events. Bring some non-Grange friends to Lets Celebrate. They will learn about the Grange and have fun at the same time.

Going into September we have the Big E. I know many of you are making items for the National Session but I hope you are still making some for the CWA at the New England Grange Building. I hope you will also spend some time working in the building during the fair. The fair has been a big success the last two years and the

## Farm Bill now law



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Last month I closed my column with some comments on the 2007 Federal Farm Bill. Since then Congress renamed the bill as the 2008 Farm Bill, passed the necessary corrections, sent the revised farm bill to President Bush who vetoed it and Congress overrode the President's veto. The Farm Bill is now law. The new law has fourteen major sections, each of which is referred to as a "Title." The new Farm Bill addresses all aspects of agriculture, so some parts of it are of major concern to the Northeast while other parts will have very little effect on our region. Of course this could be said about any region in the

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# The Grange Will Shine In 2009



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It is with a combination of pride and humility that I greet you as the 18th person to be in this ultimate leadership position in the Ohio State Grange! It is indeed an honor to have been selected by your delegates to lead and to serve the Grangers of Ohio. It is also an eye opening experience for me as I begin those duties. I have been involved in many facets of this great organization and at many different levels, all of which have caused me to take a good hard look at what we are doing and what we need to in order to assure that "The Grange will shine in 2009" and beyond!

The 136th Annual Session of the Ohio State Grange was held this past October with a different schedule than has been carried out in previous years. Running from Thursday through Sunday made it possible for those scheduling vacations to be able to take them within the same week. Also, Grangers making their own hotel reservations allowed the OSG staff to better utilize their time just prior to the event. As always, when there are changes, there will be a few situations needing to be resolved. This same general format will be employed again next year at Independence, located just south of Cleveland. There will, of course, be some minor adjustments made after everything has been evaluated.

78 resolutions were submitted by our Granges for consideration by 109 delegates, who were divided into the following ten committees: Agriculture, Budget, Citizenship and Public Affairs, Conservation and Natural Resources, Education and Health, Grange Activities, Grange By-laws, Labor and Judiciary, Taxation, and Transportation. Most of them were brought to the delegate floor for delegate action. Check our website - [www.ohiostategrange.org](http://www.ohiostategrange.org) - for those resolutions and their results.

It was an honor to have been installed by our good friend, John Valentine, at the close of the state session. Our friendship goes back a long way, and we had the opportunity to have worked together very closely with John and Nancy the past twelve years. I also thank the Columbiana County members for assisting with the OSG Officer's installation.

Marty Billquist, a member of the National Grange Executive Board reported on the Tyson Foods situation in which Tyson has filed a petition with the US Patent and Trademark Office to gain exclusive commercial use of the name "Grange and Grassland" for their marketing. He urged everyone to send National Grange copies of all documents showing our Granges involved with food

preparation, serving and selling. In November and early December, your Legislative Agents, Secretaries, Masters and Deputy Masters were sent information from this office for all Ohio Granges to become involved in this project.

John and Justin Price have altered the format of the Ohio State Grange website, which will enable them to keep the site updated more easily. I have encouraged our directors to keep their department's information current, and I am also challenging ALL our members to log on to our website frequently and utilize this valuable informational tool! While I know that all members do not have an internet connection, I'm sure that most Granges have members who are able to access our website. I'm also rather certain that most Grangers have immediate family members who have internet capabilities. Friends, this IS the ultimate method by which to communicate!

I want to thank past President/Master Viola Wayne for her work these past two years and especially for her time and cooperation spent during our transitional period. Viola, you are greatly appreciated! Linda and I also went through another transition while at the National Grange Session in Connecticut. Having been the Seventh Degree Directors the past ten years; our serving as your delegates to the National Session this year caused us to need to relinquish the director duties. We were pleased to be able to turn those duties over to Scott and Jennifer Russell of Painter Creek Grange, Hardin County. Scott and Jen both came up through the Junior Grange program while we were OSG Junior Directors. Their strong Grange background through the Junior, Youth and Young Adult programs, their family's broad Grange involvement, along with their own drill and ritual contest participation and working in many other Grange situations have helped to mold their character into responsible individuals who will be very capable directors. Linda and I were able to spend some transitional time with them in Connecticut as they began their director duties.

By the time you read this, the Winter Deputies/Directors/Officers Conference will be over, and I will have had the opportunity to have shared some thoughts and challenges with them. We will all need to work together for the future. Don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

We just received information on the 2009 year bonding program, and it has been passed on to those Granges currently enrolled. Anyone else who wants to enroll please contact the State Grange office.

# Legislative Corner



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Well, here we are facing another good 'ole Ohio winter. My, how we all look forward to the cold and snow. I suppose all of the politicians you voted for won and are waiting to begin their first term or to serve another term by re-election. The Legislature will begin in January with the committee assignments who will hopefully get down to work. To those of you who did not have the opportunity to attend my Legislative Session at Ohio State Grange Annual Meeting, I talked about the Ohio EPA and their new Draft Amendment addressing the Anti-degradation rule in Ohio Administrative Code {OAC} 3745-1-05. Grangers, this will affect all of us in time. EPA is now going to take control of every wet weather runoff to the lakes and rivers. The Division of Surface Water {DSW} is conducting a review of the Administrative Code, governing the provisions that must be followed before authorizing any increased activity on a water body that may result in a lowering of water quality, including an increase in the discharge of a regulated pollutant, or activities that may significantly alter the physical habitat. DSW has reviewed and drafted amended language for the following rule:

#### **RULE TITLE Anti-degradation**

- The definition of "best available demonstrated control technology" {BADCT} is being updated to include new design criteria and effluent limits for nitrogen and phosphorus.
- The types of alternates to be considered under the definitions for "minimal degradation alternative" and "non-degradation alternative" are being clarified.
- The definition of "regulated pollutant" is being revised to make the rule clear that parameters include narrative and numeric water quality criteria in OAC Chapter 3745-1 and those limited by best professional judgment in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System {NPDES} permit. Grangers, this can affect your septic system and whether you may have a legal system or not.
- The rule exemption for net increases from existing sources is being clarified.
- Applications for Section 401 water quality certifications for wetlands will be exempt from the submittal of alternatives analysis and social and economic justification information under this rule because they are already required to submit similar information by ORC
- Section 401 water quality certifications impacting

Lake Erie or its shoreline will be exempt from the mandatory public hearing requirement. Public hearings for these projects will be held when there is significant public interest in accordance with ORC section 6111.30.

- New language is included to provide a unifying framework for examining the issue of what constitutes the loss of a special use.
- The set aside petition process for special high quality waters is being clarified.
- The tables of special high quality waters are being updated. Notable additions include the Mohican River, Muskingum River, Whiteoak Creek, East Fork Whiteoak Creek, Yellow Creek, the lower 29 miles of Walnut Creek, the lower 47 miles of the Tuscarawas River.

DSW is seeking input from you on this draft rule. The deadline for comments on the draft rule has not been determined yet. A draft rule addressing mitigation requirements for impacts on streams will be made available for review and comment in early 2009. Because the content of that rule relates to part of the anti-degradation rule, the comment deadline for both rules will be 60 days after the stream mitigation rule is made available.

Please direct questions regarding the draft rule to Mark Stump at [markstump@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:markstump@epa.state.oh.us) or 614-644-2028. The draft rule and fact sheet explaining the rule revisions are posted on the Ohio EPA Web page at [www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw). If you are unable to access the web page, contact Melinda Harris at 614-728-1357 to request a copy. This report from EPA is about 50 pages long, but I was able to pull the report with no trouble from their website.

Next, please do not forget about the State Master's letter to you in regard to Tyson Foods. It is imperative that we send everything we can to National Grange regarding food in any way made, sold, or consumed by your Grange. The GRANGE name depends on it. On November 17, 2008, I attended the Ohio Land Use Conference at Ohio State University in the name of The Ohio State Grange. I will talk about it in the next Legislative Report. We did very well on last year's resolutions, in spite of the short legislative year. Many now are law or are in effect. Thanks to our many good Delegates with their hard work on the resolutions sent in by all of you.

Let's do even better in 2009.

Gene

**Monroe Dan Emmett Grange #847  
Knox County**



Photo by The Mount Vernon News

Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange #847 met on July 7, 2008, for its annual picnic and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the consolidation of our two Granges. It was also the annual

membership awards evening where Amy Anderson was presented with her 80-year certificate. It was presented by Knox County Grange Deputy Larry Algire. Also present for the evening were four of Amy's seven daughters.



Eldora Kost

Recognized, but not present for the evening's celebration, were Eldora Kost (40-year member) and Laura Totten (25-year member) who received their certificates at a later time.

Amy Anderson passed away in August, 2008 at the age of 94. She was beloved by her friends and family and had always been a faithful Granger.

**Youth Rose Drill Team**



front: Jacqui Mears - Darke Co., Amanda Evans - Morrow Co., Hannah Yost - Meigs Co., Jessica McCrady - Columbiana Co., Julie Hugus - Fairfield Co., Tiffany Paul - Muskingum Co. back: Jessica Corll - Mahoning Co., Audra Zerovnik - Fairfield Co., Melanie Fitch - Richland Co., Justephania Chandler - Geauga Co., Jill Fulks - Hardin Co., Hope Murphy - Muskingum Co.

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Have Fun -- Start Looking

# "JUNIORS WILL SHINE IN 2009"

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As we are writing this article, we are driving home from National Grange Convention in Cromwell, Connecticut. While there we met with National Junior Development Director Ann Kurburski and learned about the upcoming year's program. They are continuing the Creative Writing and Art Contests as well as the Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song and Manual Alphabet Contests which will be held at the regional youth and Junior conferences.

We were very proud to represent the Ohio Junior Grange Program at the National Convention. For placing first at last year's regional conference, Jenn Lanstrum traveled to Cromwell and was on the program to do her winning speech, sign-a-song and manual alphabet.

### **National Grange Contest Winners Creative Writing**

David Corll – 1st place – \$20 - age 6 and under  
Dylan Siert – 2nd place \$10 – ages 6 and under  
Megan Tucker – Honorable Mention - ages 7 – 8  
Hayley Williamson – Honorable Mention - ages 9 - 11  
Miranda Skitzki – Honorable Mention - ages 12 - 14  
Devan Cumpston – Honorable Mention – ages 12 - 14

### **Creative Art**

Hayley Williamson – Honorable Mention – ages 9 – 11  
Haley Anderson – Honorable Mention – ages 12 – 14

### **National Junior Grange Golden Star Award**

Patty Dyer  
Opal Dyer

We would like to thank all those who participated in the State and National Contests in 2008 and would like to see increased participation in all the contests and programs throughout the coming year.

### **National Programs**

This year's theme for the National Junior Program is "No Child Left Inside". We would like all the Juniors to experience good health and to feel good about themselves. Therefore, we would like to encourage our juniors to maintain a healthy active lifestyle. In order to do this, we would like you to encourage your Juniors to plan a fun activity to do outside each day. Take a walk with your Junior Grange or family, visit a local park, play two different outside games. The goal is to appreciate the great outdoors.

**Awards:** Juniors that complete the project will receive a certificate and a special gift.

In order to receive your certificate, send the following information either to your State Junior Directors or to the National Junior Development Director – Ann Kurburski, 9278 Middle Village Drive, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740.

Information to send: No Child Left Inside Participation Completion Form

Jr. Grange Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Juniors that participated:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Leaders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Creative Writing** – Theme: Write about your favorite place outside – As told to: Age groups are 6 and under; 7-8; As written by: ages 9-11; and 12-14. Prizes are \$20 for 1st place; \$10 for 2nd place; and \$5 for 3rd place. All participants will receive a certificate. Ages are as of December 31, 2009. Length of the creative writing should be one page, computer typed or hand written on 8 ½" x 11" paper. The contestant's name, birth date, address, Grange name and number should be written on the back of the page. Judging is based on creativity, originality, and use of the theme. Entries should be sent to the State Junior Directors by September 15 or to the National Director by October 1, 2009.

**Creative Art** – Draw a picture of your favorite place when you are outside. Use 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper. May use crayons, markers, paints, etc. Must be a Junior Grange member to enter.

Ages and prizes are the same as the Creative Writing. Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme. Put name, date of birth, address, Grange name and number on the back of your picture. All entries are to be submitted to the National Junior Director and must be postmarked by October 1, 2009.

**Regional Public Speaking Contest** – Age groups are 8-10 years of age; 11-12 years of age and 12-14 years of age as of December 31, 2009. This is a prepared speech with topic of your choice. There is a one minute minimum



and 2 minute maximum for the speech. Judging criteria is as follows: 20 points – eye contact; 10 points – time; 20 points – content; 30 points preparation; 10 points – volume; 10 points – body language. Speeches will be presented at the Regional Youth Conference at the same time as the youth and young adult competition is taking place. We are in the Eastern Region Youth Conference district which will be held in New Jersey, in April. Ohio will have a bus going to this conference. Let us know if you are interested in participating in this event so that we may get you the registration information. Regional winners will receive cash prizes of \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will be asked to present his/her speech at the National Grange Convention in November in Grand Rapids, Michigan during the Saturday Junior Grange Breakfast and will receive a \$50 cash award for presenting the speech.

**Junior Grange Member Recruiter of the Year** – Who are the best promoters for Junior Grange? Junior Grange members of course. So this year we are asking our Junior Grange members to get out and promote their Junior Grange. This year for each new member you recruit to join your Junior Grange, you will be rewarded with a \$5.00 gift certificate to the National Grange Store. And the Junior Grange that recruits the most new members will receive a trophy and a \$100.00 gift certificate to the National Grange Store and will be recognized at the National Grange Convention.

This program will run from December 1, 2008 – October 31, 2009. The new member must be new to Junior Grange and have never joined Junior Grange before. Your Grange leader or Subordinate Master must sign the form below and the form must be sent to the National Junior Grange Development Director by November 1, 2009.

Junior Granger Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Grange Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of New Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

\* Add more names to the back of the paper if more lines are needed.

Junior Grange Leader or Subordinate Master: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Anne Kurburski, National Junior Development Director,  
9278 Middle Village Dr., Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Host State – The 2009 Host State Study is “Michigan”.

**Small World Country – Canada**

**Merit Badge Program** – Keep working on your merit badges. They were listed in the 2008-2009 Ohio Junior Leader Handbook which each Junior Leader should have received by now. If you have not received yours yet, check with your County Deputy or give us a call and we will see that you get one.

**Ritualistic and Drill Contest** - Why not start now with either a drill team or Opening and Closing Team in the Ritualistic and Drill Contest. A five minute drill can be performed with as few as 8 members or as many as 20. Your drill should consist of at least 4 different formations. You can use taped music or have a piano player. Try to select a song or songs that have a good beat to them. The contest will be held at Friendly Hills Grange Camp on Saturday, March 14. Registrations are due to Opal Dyer at [o\\_dyer@yahoo.com](mailto:o_dyer@yahoo.com) or by mail to Opal Dyer, 33325 Jesse Creek Road, Bidwell, Ohio 45614 by February 1.

**Public Speaking Contest** – In preparation for participation in the Regional Public Speaking Contest we would like to invite Juniors to prepare and give their speeches during the Ritualistic and Drill Contest at Friendly Hills on March 14. All participants will be critiqued and be eligible to advance on to the Regional Competition. We would highly encourage all juniors to take advantage of this opportunity to develop their speaking skills. We also look forward to having many Juniors, Junior Leaders and Parents accompany us to the regional conference as there will be Leadership training and workshops for both Juniors and Junior Leaders. We are excited about the expanded opportunity our Juniors have as we are now included in the Regional Workshops.

**Art and Photography Contests** - It's never too early to start taking photos or drawing pictures for this year's contests. Please check your 2008 September-October Ohio Granger to make sure what this year's categories are. Again this year we will be paying cash awards to the first, second and third place winners in each category.

**Prince and Princess Contest** - Congratulations to Andrew Evans, Morrow County and Sarah Heilman, Hardin County for being the 2008-2009 Junior Grange Prince and Princess. Runners up were Janelle Mears, Darke County and Aaron Evans, Morrow County. There were a total of 8 contestants.

**Make It Take It Crafts for the Ohio State Fair** - Now is the time to be considering if your Junior Grange would like to participate in the Make It Take It Crafts for the Ohio State Fair. We will take groups on a first come, first serve basis. The fair will begin on Wednesday, July 29 and go through Sunday, August 9. Please try to let us know in advance what type of craft you will be doing and we can try to get it advertised in the Ohio State Fair Program. Participants will be expected to march in the Daily Parade which begins at 4 p.m. each day.

# “OUR PROGRAMS WILL SHINE IN 2009”

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GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! Lecturers, I am so proud of you. Those of you who made reports and/or submitted programs have worked very diligently this past Grange year. I am sure that those of you who did not report, for whatever reason, worked just as hard to provide your Grange with interesting and enjoyable programs. I really appreciate the information you give me throughout the year as it helps me to know what you need and would like to see in the Lecturer's department. Just remember that plans for the year's program are made in June for the following year and information for the magazine must be in six weeks before the date of the magazine.

I deeply appreciate the vote of confidence given to me by the delegate body of the State Grange Convention, I will continue to do my best for the Grangers of Ohio. I may not always come up to your expectations, or even my own, but I will always try. It has always been an honor and a pleasure to work with you.

The winter months may bring cancellations and/or postponements due to the weather. Put those programs in your emergency file. You should be able to use them at another time. Remember to be flexible. Always try to have something in your programs that will bring a smile to someone. If your members and guests do not enjoy the meeting, they may not come back. Also, do invite guests to your meetings. Show them what the Grange has to offer now. Don't live in the past. Do you receive THE NEW GRANGE; the newsletter of the National Grange? Every member should be receiving it. It is free, one to a household, but you must contact the National Grange to be put on their mailing list. There is so much news and information in there — “don't you dare miss it.”

Program ideas for January and February abound. These two months have given us many outstanding people and events, all of which are good sources of program material. If your interest lies in current happenings, there will be an inauguration this month. Learn how this ceremony has grown and changed over time. Have a Super Bowl party. Everyone does not have to watch the game. Have another area set up for board games or cards. The smaller children could have their own activities in another area. Make it a Quilting Bee for those who do not watch the game. Offer an alternative to the game that best fits your members and they will come. And, of course, you must have FOOD to go with that FUN. Remember the four F's of Grange: Food, Fun, Fellowship and, most of all, Fraternity. January 7,

1826 is the birth date of Oliver Hudson Kelly. This may be your opportunity to have that program on Grange history that the State Master has requested. If history is not well received by your members; you could have a program on the lessons and teachings of the Grange. These values and principles are just as appropriate and needed today as they ever were.

Did you know that February was designated as the “Month of Purification” by the Romans? And, of course, you are well aware that February has given us many distinguished individuals throughout history. Another idea for this month is to take a ‘Fantasy Vacation.’ There are many ways you can go with that idea: go to the tropics with slides, photos, videos, travel brochures, etc.; have each member tell of his or her “Dream Vacation,” best ever vacation, or even the ‘vacation from H...’. Those of you in the southern part of Ohio will be looking through the seed catalogs and making plans for the next month or two. Build a program around that theme. This may be the time to get together with the Community Service Committee and set up a program to go along with their work. Bring in a speaker to tell of a project or activity that is important in your community at this time.

That's it for this time. I am including the list of Lecturers who submitted reports for the 2007-08 Grange year and two of our Creative Writing entries.

## Fear Not Age Dixie Wyant

Pleasant Hill Grange, Jefferson County

Do you sometimes sit and worry  
About the fact of growing old?  
Do you revel in the memories  
Of the horrors, you've been told?  
Be not afraid of aging,  
The fun has just begun.  
Seniors; treasure each moment;  
More now, than when you were young.  
We're free to travel down a country road  
Without a map or plan,  
And enjoy the scenic beauty  
Some, untouched by man.  
Be not afraid of the years;  
That God has given you  
Relax and enjoy the trip,  
Until your journey's through.

**POMONA LECTURER'S REPORTS:**

Marie Russell, Shelby Co.  
Mary Jewell, Knox Co.  
Charlien Bcightol and Louise Anthony, Stark Co.  
Dora E. Flowers, Hardin Co.  
Ruth Ann Rooks, Adams Co.  
June M. Graf, Crawford Co.  
Ruth Bishop, Wayne Co.  
Margaret Karr, Hocking Co.  
Christine Brown, Columbiana Co.  
Patsy Blankenship, Paulding Co.  
Dorothy Eckert, Richland Co.  
Virgie Coombs, Clark Co.  
Judy Scott, Lorain Co.  
David Darst, Summit Co.

**SUBORDINATE LECTURER'S REPORTS:**

Suzanne DeSalme, Jefferson Grange #1959, Knox Co.  
Edna Paige, Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange, Knox Co.  
Ethel L. Smith, Huron Grange #1385, Erie Co.  
Joanne Baker, Valley College Grange #1872, Wayne Co.  
Ruth Sanor, Willow Grove Grange #1688, Columbiana Co.  
Cindy Campbell, Morgan Grange #829, Knox Co.  
Martha Marie Carpenter, Clear Creek Valley Grange, Fairfield  
Kathleen Boone, Bennington Grange #977, Licking Co.  
Mary Jo Dye, Mile Branch Grange #933, Columbiana Co.  
Geraldine Berg, Hickory Tree Grange #881, Lorain Co.  
Louise Anthony, Robertsville Grange #1784, Stark Co.  
Katelyn Fullmer, Nimishillen Grange #1627, Stark Co.  
Doris Heckelman, Fairview Grange #1666, Paulding Co.  
Geraldine Yaney, Yellow Creek Grange #1795, Columbiana  
Joyce Clemens, Deerfield Grange #1015, Morgan Co.  
Rita M Baker, Thurman Grange #1416, Gallia Co.  
Gary Reel, Dublin Grange #1409, Mahoning Co.  
Karen Cottrill, Ewing Grange #2082, Hocking Co.  
Genie Craven, Williamsport Grange #1815, Morrow Co.  
Colleen Lockhart, Huntsburg Grange #2541, Geauga Co.  
Gladys Harland, Norton Grange #2566, Summit Co.  
Marlene Blackford, Carlwick Grange #1546, Muskingum Co.  
Dave Daniels, Middlebury Grange #192, Knox Co.  
Martha Billman, Harrison Grange #1711, Knox Co.  
Marjorie Underwood, Payne Grange #2574, Paulding Co.  
Joann Wood, Tallmadge Grange #2589, Summit Co.  
June M. Graf, Leesville Grange #2078, Crawford Co.  
Dorothy L. Davis, Richfield Grange #1654, Ashtabula Co.  
Margaret Keppeler, Sodom Grange #1267, Williams Co.  
Judy Lauby, Lake Grange #1744, Stark Co.  
Judith Carrick, Pike Grange #1669, Stark Co.  
Stella L. Walker, Pleasant Grove Grange #1681, Muskingum  
Mary Jane Steffen, Bayard Grange #1678, Columbiana Co.  
Maxine Carnony, Union Grange #1783, Wayne Co.  
Hazel A. Broughton, Darrow Street Grange #751, Summit Co.  
Dixie Wiant, Pleasant Hill Grange #1757, Jefferson Co.  
Beverly Foutz, Collinsville Grange #2264, Butler Co.  
John E. LePage Jr., Cumberland Grange #2187, Guernsey Co.  
June Justi, Blendon Grange #708, Franklin Co.  
Ruth Ann Altenhof, Butler Grange #993, Columbiana Co.  
Doris Bishop, Republic Comm. Grange #2509, Seneca Co.  
Marilyn Scott, Louisville Grange #2660, Adams Co.

Patty Boyd, Timber Run Grange #1698, Muskingum Co.  
Ron Blumenstock and Lynne Hinshaw, Stelvidco Grange #295,  
Darke Co.  
Joyce Newburn and Catherine Mull, Unionport Comm. Grange  
#2728, Jefferson Co.  
Carolyn Karr, Kccnc Hill Grange #1602, Coshocton Co  
Virgie Coombs, Pleasant Harmony Grange #2605, Clark Co.  
Judith Shipley, Jerusalem Grange #2089, Adams Co.  
Donna R. Young, Wallhonding Grange #1756, Coshocton Co.  
Vera Johnson, Harrison Grange #378, Logan Co.  
Darlene Leissa, Old Glory Grange #2215, Lorain Co.  
Beverly Edwards, Wayne Grange #262, Knox Co.  
Ruth Loyd, Sheffield Star Grange #1610, Ashtabula Co.  
Rose Wolfe, Pleasant Grange #677, Knox Co  
Emma Mae Brannon, Liberty Grange # 1749, Jefferson Co.  
Sheila K Warner, Jefferson Grange #1311, Ashtabula Co.  
Rita Feister, Unity Grange #2117, Mercer Co.  
Jean Emery, Plain Grange #2, Stark Co.  
Catherine Hare, Amesville Grange #798, Athens Co.

**Joshua Is My Tree  
Rosemary Myers  
Ledge Grange, Geauga County**

Joshua Is My Tree.  
Joshua is the branches of my heart.  
He opens his arms like branches of a tree.

The greatest gift God ever gave me  
Was you Joshua.

He has his own way of  
Thinking because he views the  
World his own special way.

I could never part with  
My son because I have been  
Blessed with such a special  
Child.

His branches flow through  
Out the year and do  
Wonderful things for people.

My aunt found a Joshua  
Tree in Arizona and sent a  
Picture of it to my son.

My son is the Joshua tree  
He will grow and branch out  
And he will touch many  
People's hearts.

# COMMUNITY "SERVANTS" WILL SHINE THROUGHOUT 2009

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Happy New Year! I hope you are all enjoying the respite that these winter months afford after the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season. I am sure that you were all very busy, not only with your family activities, but also your Grange service projects. Please remember that the need for food, shelter, clothing, and love and caring go on after the holidays. December 31 does not magically end those needs for the unfortunate. One example: children grow - the outfit that looked so cute on Christmas may be just too small in February. So, please continue to remember and care for the less fortunate in your community.

At the National Grange Convention in Connecticut I did find a little time to speak with representatives from some of the projects that the National Grange is promoting. I was especially eager to learn more about the Dogs For The Deaf program and, of course, the Kelley Farm. Dogs For The Deaf not only train hearing dogs but also Dogs For Seniors and Special Needs Dogs for those with special physical, mental, or emotional needs. They are based in Oregon but place dogs throughout the United States and Canada. For more information you can contact them at 10175 Wheeler Rd, Central Point, Oregon 97502 or 514-826-6696. Their e-mail address is [info@dogsforthedeaf.org](mailto:info@dogsforthedeaf.org). They will give you a lot of good information for your Grange to consider. The Kelley Farm should always be considered as a Grange project. It is operated by the Minnesota Historical Society and is ".....dedicated to preserving our past for generations to come." But it also tells the story of how Oliver Kelley formed an organization for the farmers of our country at that time and how he worked to make that organization into the Order Of The Patrons Of Husbandry. They are revamping the Library at the visitors' center and are very appreciative of all the help they receive from the Granges across the land. The Friends of the Kelley Farm is a supportive organization for individuals or families who wish to support the Farm. Have you checked into the Farm Safety for Just Kids Project? Is it a viable option in your area? I have more information on that project. There are several chapters in Ohio already and they appreciate cooperative support from other organizations as well. Any family with power equipment such as riding lawn mowers would benefit from information from the group.

If you have not yet received your Community Service packet from the convention for this Grange year, please check with your Deputy, Delegates, or contact me

and I will send you one. Go over the "report forms" now so that you can be prepared with the proper information when it is time to make your report. We will address reports at the Lecturers/Community Service Conference on March 28. Please plan now to attend. Again, I am asking for your suggestions for projects that can be presented to the Granges of Ohio as possible state-wide projects. Remember that many of the Family Activities projects and all of the Deaf Activities projects are also to be included in your Community Service reports. Therefore every Grange that saves pop tabs or soup labels or makes a Linus blanket, etc., has something to report. Let's double the number of reports this year! This issue I am including the list of Granges who had Blue Star Reports:

## BLUE STAR REPORTS (in no particular order)

Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange #847, Knox Co.  
Knox County Pomona Grange #3, Knox Co.  
Belmont Grange #889, Belmont Co.  
Hemlock Grange #2049, Meigs Co.  
Butler Grange #993, Columbiana Co.  
McDonald Grange #669, Hardin Co.  
Olivesburg Grange #2641, Richland Co.  
Liberty Grange #1749, Jefferson Co.  
Ewing Grange #2082, Hocking Co.  
Valley College Grange #1872, Wayne Co.  
Norton Grange #2566, Summit Co.  
Leesville Grange #2078, Crawford Co.  
Morton Grange #2145, Hocking Co.  
Harrison Grange #1711, Knox Co.  
Yellow Creek Grange #1795, Columbiana Co.  
Jerusalem Grange #2089, Adams Co.  
Bayard Grange #878, Columbiana Co.  
Ravenna Grange #32, Portage Co.  
Smith Grange # 1141, Mahoning Co.  
Fairview Grange #1666, Paulding Co.  
Payne Grange #2574, Paulding Co.  
Collinsville Grange #2264, Butler Co.  
Timber Run Grange #1898, Muskingum Co.  
Wayne Grange #2238, Darke Co.  
Shiloh Community Grange #2608, Richland Co.  
Darrow Street Grange #751, Summit Co.  
Perry Grange #2729, Stark Co.

# Membership Awards

## 85 year

Harold Potter, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

## 75 year

Dorothea Seiberling, Norton #2566, Summit Co.

Robert Phillips, Hamden #2482, Geauga Co.

Francis Willey Bath, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Kay Norris, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Wendell Smith, Wayne #262, Knox Co.

## 70 year

John Wadsworth, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Mary Baxter, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Martha Jean Cogan, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Edgar Haynam, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Floyd Haynam, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Alice Smith, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Cecil Henry, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Mildred Henry, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Melba Phillips, Wayne #262, Knox Co.

## 65 year

Roger Shively, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Perry Fishel, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Ray McPherson, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Loene Kelby, Laurel #1678, Nobel Co. Co.

Clyde Peairs, Richvale #1717, Muskingum Co.

Lois Jean Eckart, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

James McKibben, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Harold Haines, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Alice Fetters, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

## 60 year

John Schmachtenberger, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Marjorie Manfull, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Robert Manfull, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Mary Lee Smith, Norton #2566, Summit Co.

Ruth Ann Bailey, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Belva Fissell, Williamsport #1815, Morrow Co.

Bruce Fissell, Williamsport #1815, Morrow Co.

Inez Goken, Williamsport #1815, Morrow Co.

Harold Dean Hershner, Williamsport #1815, Morrow Co.

Russell Bolin, Richvale #1717, Muskingum Co.

Janet Anderson, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Frank Mitchell, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Delores Mitchell, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Stanley Weiland, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Mabel Matz, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co.

Jeannette Unkefer, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co.

Richard Lotze, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co.

Hazel Kasper, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

## 60 year continued

Fred Reuschling, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Grace Blough, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Howard Kyle, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Sophie Corn, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Aileen Bishop, Wayne #262, Knox Co.

## 55 year

Bob Walter, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Edythe Walter, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Charlotte Boord, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

George Bates, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Carl Pennell, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Emma Pennell, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Helen Jarman, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Jean Crowell, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Joann Harris, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Charles Harris, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

June Hawk, Williamsport #1815, Morrow Co.

Norma Mozena, Richvale #1717, Muskingum Co.

Jack Maylish, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Lola Metzler, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Eleanor Sidley, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Rowena Whipple, Wayne #262, Knox Co.

## 50 year

Carl Hinkle, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Lucille Passage, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Beatrice Rupp, Lisbon #1568, Columbiana Co.

Walter Baughman, Greenwood #1061, Hardin Co.

George Rooks, Monroe #2018, Clermont Co.

Robert Baxter, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Leroy Kibler, Bayard #1878, Columbiana Co.

Miriam Cochran, Beach City #2442, Stark Co.

Don Enderle, Ewing #2082, Hocking Co.

Mabel DeLong, Laurel #1678, Nobel Co.

Shirley Mitchell, Richvale #1717, Muskingum Co.

Ronald Welsh, Richvale #1717, Muskingum Co.

Steven Welsh, Richvale #1717, Muskingum Co.

Margaret Alexander, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Lyla Hepler, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Carl Mazorek, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Edith Mazorek, Bath #1331, Summit Co.

Vivian Golembiowski, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Robert Harvey, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Patricia Harvey, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Richard Hogle, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

George Hogle, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

Kathryn McGinnis, Wayne #262, Knox Co.

Dorothy Crouch, Pleasant #677, Knox Co.

# Grange Youth Will Shine In 2009

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As we write this article we are on our way to National Grange Convention in Cromwell, Conn. More information on National Convention later in this article.

A little update on our State Grange Convention. What a great weekend with the youth! The theme *Decades of Music* was a big hit. For the youth luncheon, the youth dressed to represent music for the different years.

We want to thank all the girls who participated in the Rose Drill on Saturday night. They did a wonderful job and looked so nice. We want to thank them for the trips to practice and dress fittings. A big thank you to the parents for all their help. A special thanks goes to JoAnn Kinder for all the hard work making the dresses. They were beautiful. Also a special thank you to the SYC committee Julie Hugus, Stephen Yost, Brittany Hicks and Tyler King for a job well done. Congratulations to Melanie Fitch and Myron Sinclair Jr. who were selected as the female and male ambassadors. Thank you to all who entered the contest. We hope to see you again next year. Please invite the ambassadors to attend any of your special meetings or banquets.

A huge thank you to all the people that donated for the youth raffle. We had so many nice gifts. To all of you who purchased tickets. With your help and support, we raised \$1,061.00 for the bus for Eastern Regional Youth Conference. The conference this year will be held in Bridgeport, New Jersey April 17th - 19th.

The youth department represented Ohio very well at the National Grange Convention. Our ambassadors, Tiffany Paul and Carson Yost were recognized on Friday evening at the Night of Excellence. Juli and Tina Grafton and Nicole Swigart represented Ohio as Best of Show from the Eastern Regional sign-a-song contest. They performed their song also at the Night of Excellence. Justephanie Chandler was Steward on the National Youth opening team. We were proud of all the youth.

We received the youth program for 2009 while we were at national. There are some changes on some programs. We will be discussing the programs and changes with the youth and sending out copies of the program to deputies. We hope you will take advantage of all the programs by entering them as well as the contests. This is the way to earn your awards.

I'm still trying to get all the information on the Eastern Regional Youth Conference. The only thing we

know so far is that it will be held April 17th - 19th at the Holiday Inn Express in Bridgeport, New Jersey. We will again be getting a bus so we can take a large group. Please remember these dates and considering attending. The juniors are also permitted to attend this conference as they have contests and programs for them. Check with the junior directors for the information for the juniors. We will send out all the information as soon as we receive it.

Remember the public speaking contest and sign-a-song contest. This will take place at the state Ritualistic and Drill contest. We would love to see more people enter this contest as this has been down the last couple of years. It is a good experience for the youth. The winners in each category will represent Ohio at the Eastern Youth Conference.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Please contact us if there are any questions or concerns.

## Youth Ambassador Candidates



above left to right: Wayne Spencer - Geauga Co., Hannah Yost - Meigs Co., David Corll - Mahoning Co., Jessica Corll - Mahoning Co., Justephanie Chandler - Geauga Co., Melanie Fitch - Richland Co., Myron Sinclair - Geauga Co., Hope Murphy - Muskingum Co.

Left: 2008 - 2009 Youth Ambassadors Melanie Fitch and Myron Sinclair.

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I wanted to let you know how well all of your secretaries were doing. We had 89 Granges requesting 493 awards for their members this past year. We processed 47 - 25 year Silver Certificates, 23 - 40 year seals, 72 - 50 year Golden Sheaf Certificates, 93 - 55 year seals, 138 - 60 year seals, 57 - 65 year seals, 46 - 70 year seals, 13 - 75 year Diamond Certificates, 3 - 80 year Congratulatory Letters and 1 - 85 year Congratulatory Letter.

We had 130 Subordinate Secretaries qualifying for the Distinguished Secretary Award and 41 Pomona Secretaries. I do hope all individual Granges will show appreciation to their Secretaries.

As of September 30, 2008 Ohio had 235 Subordinate Granges with 7,500 members. This included 1,950 non-paying Golden Sheaf Members and 710 paying Gold Sheaf Members. We have 27 affiliate members and 11 associate members. We also have 43 Junior Granges with 290 Junior Members.

The delegate election forms will be mailed out shortly for the year 2009-2010. I do hope your county elects if this is your year. We had 32 counties without delegates at convention this past session.

Happy Spring to everyone.

### Youth Officer Team



Front row: Jacqui Mears - Darke Co., Julie Hugus - Fairfield Co., Audra Zerovnik - Fairfield Co., Jessica Corll - Mahoning Co., Tina Grafton - Franklin Co., Jill Fulks - Hardin Co. Second row: Tiffany Paul - Muskingum Co., Justephanie Chandler - Geauga Co., Melanie Fitch - Richland Co., Hannah Yost - Meigs Co., Myron Sinclair - Geauga Co., Hope Murphy - Muskingum Co. Back row: Stephen Yost - Meigs Co., Wayne Spencer - Geauga Co., Carson Yost - Meigs Co., Tyler King - Hardin Co.

## Membership Success = Gaining New Members

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Wow, another Grange year has come and gone! This was an interesting year. Who would know that gas would be over \$4.00 a gallon. What is surprising about that is grangers still meet and continue lots of activities. This year was a year of research and learning as new membership directors.

We had the opportunity to attend a lot of activities. Summer youth camp; the same camp we attended as youth; was the highlight of the year. Let's see what the youth concerns are for Grange. They do want to hold offices, participate, take charge, and be recognized.

Saying that; they can't get to every meeting; remember school academics, sports, and band are an important part of their lives at this age. The youth and juniors have the best membership opportunity. They bring non-grangers to camps and guess what? They soon join there-after.

The other highlight of the year was at the state grange convention membership workshop. This workshop was well attended; which tells us that everyone wants the Grange to grow. The workshop had a lot of open discussion and that is our style. We want to hear from you. Membership was gained in two areas. First through the third grade dictionary program and or reading books to the local schools. The second area we discussed was food. Yes everything came down to food. The best way to attract new members is feed them. We should be the **LARGEST** organization! After all we have the best cooks. I attended a Grange potluck once and counted only nine people, but there was enough food to feed twenty or more. So, if we invite more non-grangers to our dinners, potlucks, and ice cream socials; we will grow. **MOST IMPORTANT** - Don't forget to get their application filled out. This is our weak spot. We can do it!

Great Grange Greetings,  
Dondi and Teresa Fitch



Top Left Junior Prince and Princess candidates: left to right: Laura May Wheeler - Meigs Co., Aaron Evans - Morrow Co., Sarah Heilman - Hardin Co., Zach Wheeler - Meigs Co., Andrew Evans - Morrow Co., Patrick Lanstrum - Geauga Co., Haley Anderson - Mahoning Co., Janelle Mears - Darke Co.

Left Junior Prince Andrew Evans and Princess Sarah Heilman.

Top Right Junior officer team: 1st row: Amber Corll - Mahoning Co., Mary Heilman - Hardin Co., Jacob Corll - Mahoning Co., Janelle Mears - Darke Co., Patrick Lanstrum - Geauga Co. 2nd row: Patty Dyer - Junior Director, Haley Anderson - Mahoning Co., Aaron Evans - Morrow Co., David Heilman - Hardin Co., Laura May Wheeler - Meigs Co., Hannah Murphy - Meigs Co. 3rd row: Opal Dyer - Junior Director, Adam Hinshaw - Darke Co., Shania Taylor - Licking Co., Mary Teisinger - Muskingum Co., Jennifer Lanstrum - Geauga Co. 4th row: Sarah Heilman - Hardin Co., Andrew Evans - Morrow Co., Hannah Heilman - Hardin Co.

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## Deaf Activities Will Shine in 2009



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Happy New Year! I hope this New Grange Year is starting out to be a positive one. I trust you have had your planning meeting for your Grange year. I'm feeling the need for you to have included a program on hearing or deaf issues. Deafness affects the whole family not just the person who is deaf or hearing impaired. If you or a loved one is experiencing hearing loss, the first thing one should do is to have ears checked by a medical doctor to see if there is a build up of wax in the ear canal. So many times that is the main culprit of hearing loss. At our Deaf Activities Conference we discussed this issue. One way to break down the wax in the ear is to chew gum. Our gift for attending the conference was a pack of gum with a note on it that read: "Chomp for Hearing".

Our 2008 State Grange Convention Deaf Activities Conference was attended by about 45 Grange members. It was a good and active group. We discussed the best areas in the Grange meeting for a hearing impaired person to sit is between the Master and the Chaplain and the Secretary and the Lecturer. Sometimes our members struggle to hear or just give up trying to hear and just sit there missing all that is said. Please do what is in your power to aid your members to better hear your meetings and programs. If they need someone to sit close to them and repeat what is said as it is said face to face -- then do it. I know how easy it is to just ignore the problem, but that is not the avenue you want to take. A concern is the rudeness that the hearing impaired deal with from Doctor Office personnel.

Working with the deaf/blind has really opened my eyes to problems hearing impaired/Deaf people face and accept as OK when it really is not the best solution to their hearing problem. The hearing impaired person must tell you how to best communicate with her in order that she can hear best. Maybe hearing is better in one ear than the other. The hearing person then should be concerned enough to remember how to communicate with that particular person - and do it. My D/Blind Client's family still talks to her when her back is turned, from across the room, and with interfering noise from the TV and car radio. Then they get mad at her when she does not know something that they had told her. They tell me: "I TOLD her." My response is: "She is not hearing 95% of what is being said". My client misses some of what is said while sitting face to face and about 20 inches away from me.

Another issue is they took her to Miracle Ear for new hearing aids two years ago. Since she received them I

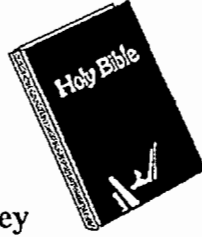
I have complained she cannot hear any better with the new aids. She had gone back several times and I had been with her for three visits. This last time they cleaned the hearing aids (clogged with ear wax), the technician said "These are not strong enough. Her hearing loss is 95 and 100 decibels and these are only made to correct 85 decibels." This technician is the 7th person she has seen at that same location within those two years. Please, please do your family member a favor and go to the appointment with them and be very attentive. Ask questions about hearing loss, versus correction power, the best aid possible to correct that loss, the longevity and education of the technician, etc. Don't take a coupon for a particular type of aid and expect to get that particular aid -- that aid may not be the best correction. One of the earlier technicians told me she should really have a behind the ear hearing aid due to her hearing loss. So why did she come home with something less than she needed? I questioned her daughter (who went with her) and she said: "nothing was said about the aids not being powerful enough for her." Not to down talk a hearing aid dealership, but my three clients have had problems with Miracle Ear. Please be very careful about the aids you purchase from anywhere you go. ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS. Shop around before you buy your aids. I wouldn't let them know you were shopping around until you acquired all information you wanted to know from them. If you don't want to buy hearing aids sometimes they no longer to talk to you. They thank you for coming in and are walking you to the door. My clients are used to a particular type of aid and do not want to change to another type when a different type would be more powerful and better for them. Two of the ladies have such profound loss that Miracle Ear had suggested the body pack hearing aid (of which is sort of like the pocket talker or the very first hearing aids ever invented). This sort of aid, to them, would be too cumbersome and noticeable by others, but probably the best correction.

### Hats and Gloves

The collection of Hats and Gloves at the convention was good. Thank you Mark Naylor for delivering 2 pair of socks, 42 hats, 83 pair of gloves and 8 scarves to the St. Rita School for the Deaf in Cincinnati. Our total collection for the convention was: 6 pair work gloves, 284 pair gloves, 252 hats, 27 scarves, 7 head bands, 2 hat/mitten sets. There

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**READ  
A BIBLE VERSE  
DAILY**



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It is not yet December as I write this. Black Friday has come and gone, leaving in its wake happiness and sorrow. Happiness for those who got their good buys and made it home safely. Sorrow for those who knew the person trampled to death in New York State at the Wal-Mart Store and sorrow for those killed in a shoot-out in a Toys-R-Us Store in California.

What have we learned in all of the years since the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ? Did he not teach us to abstain from violence? Did he not want us to show love to all in this world and help each other? I sometimes wonder what God thinks when he looks down on us mortals as we do what we do to aggravate him?

There is one more month plus a couple days left in this year. Hopefully God will give us another chance in the next.

When we start January, let us pray that our nation will work towards again becoming a nation of God; by the people and for the people; that government will show compassion for other nations who are less fortunate than us; that we will unite under our new government leaders and bring us back to peace. At times, I am afraid of what I see and hear. Yet I know that if this nation would humble itself before God and ask for his help; we would receive it. But would we follow it?

I do not worry about myself, I worry about my grandchildren and what they will inherit. God no longer exists in most schools, government buildings, court rooms, and other public places. I pray this can be reversed and the silent majority will be heard.

February will be a month of adjustments to a new administration. Let us band together and give support to them.

If we study history of the period of Jesus, we will find that there was only one administration. like it or not. If you talked against it, you ended up in the amphitheatre putting on a life and death show; *always* your death.

There were no elections, no campaigns except campaigns of war. Jesus came and people thought he was the new King, but they could not understand that his Kingdom was not here on earth, but of a higher place.

It has been over two thousand years and I sometimes wonder if we still are in doubt about his predictions. We sometimes think that if he was all good and thought only good things, how can he allow bad things to happen to us and others. It all fits into his Master Plan to test and refine us before he calls us home. So do not criticize his works, but be thankful we can see them and understand them as he would have us. Be glad, Be thankful, Be prayerful.

Read Job 36

P.S. Watch the magazine for the date of Rural Life Sunday. Mark it on your calendar and come to the camp for a day of fellowship.



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We held our first Family Fun Day at the camp on November 22nd. Although the turn out was not what we had hoped for, everyone seemed to have a great time. The event included crafts, games, kids activities, a live animal presentation, scavenger hunt, nature hike and a wonderful potluck lunch. We're considering offering some kind of family program during the slower winter months and are open to suggestions. We are planning to host a Frog Festival in May and a Harvest Festival next fall to help promote the camp and bring people out to see everything we have to offer. Joe has been busy cleaning up from the summer season and closing everything down for the winter. Business is slow at the camp in January and February, but starts to pick up again in mid-March. I will be attending several bridal shows over the winter to promote the facility for receptions and banquets. If you know of anyone planning a wedding, business meeting or any other function requiring a rental facility, please suggest the camp and refer them to myself or Joe. With the cold weather settling in and snow soon to arrive, the camp is really a beautiful place in winter.

Nicole Hafer  
Marketing Manager

## National Grange News

### National Grange President Gives Opening Address

Ed Luttrell, National Grange President, opened the 142nd annual session of the National Grange convention by addressing the organization's delegates from across the country. Luttrell focused on a number of key issues including the nation's food supply, conservation and domestic energy production, education, and rural health care.



According to President Luttrell, food production and prices are an ongoing challenge as our nation's agricultural industry strives to provide affordable sustenance domestically and around the globe. Luttrell noted that as fuel, fertilizer, chemical, and machinery prices escalate many farmers are adjusting to the financial signals they are receiving. "Farmers are exploring alternative marketing strategies such as producing traditional as well as specialty food," according to Luttrell. "Additionally, farmers are using new risk management tools, strongly supported by the Grange, that were included in the 2008 Farm Bill allowing them to ensure the market value of their production, the total value of their annual farm income or a combination of both."

National Grange President Luttrell addressed conservation and energy issues at the convention stressing good stewardship of our natural resources by conserving energy while additional or new energy sources are developed and implemented. Luttrell stressed that biofuels are part of our answer to energy independence. According to Luttrell, biofuel based energy has demonstrated its viability and he challenged researchers working on the biofuel production including cellulosic ethanol to continue their efforts until successful.

President Luttrell also challenged National Grange's younger members. Stating that education is a crucial element of our nation's success, he encouraged students to excel in school. "A good education opens minds to new possibilities and encourages students to think for themselves," Luttrell noted. "In this age where the world is always changing, we must explore how we can create a society that is constantly learning."

Finally, President Luttrell supported an open debate on healthcare, stating changes to our current system will impact virtually every person in some manner. "It is obvious that there is a difference of philosophy of how to provide health care in our nation," Luttrell said. "Mandatory health insurance, public and private partnerships, government programs and increased freedom for patients to shop for competitively priced health insurance that meets their needs all offer different options. We need an open public debate

on each option." The Grange President urged policy makers at the Federal and State level to put aside politics and enter into an open debate to ensure that all Americans have viable options for their health care.

"In 2009 the National Grange will continue to remember its roots in agriculture and will move boldly into a rapidly changing and evolving world. The fundamental importance of family and community must never be lost to our nation and the Grange is the one organization that will lead in the effort to preserve and protect the American family and the communities those families live in," the National Grange President concluded.

### November Membership Tip by Rusty Hunt:

We are in the last quarter of the year. State Sessions are all done for the year and National Grange Convention is upon us. Some of us will be making that pilgrimage to National Convention to work on policy and set our direction for the coming year. Is that all that happens at our State sessions or National Convention? No! We also get to see our Brothers and Sisters from around the state and nation. We get to hear about their Grange successes. We get to meet folks that have earned their way to convention by sharing their talents with us. We will have opportunity to learn more fun and interesting stuff to do in our own Granges.

I come away from convention charged up every time. I love the camaraderie amongst Friends. I love the sharing of stories, the playing together, the touring together, and as funny as it sounds the working together. Grangers are just fun to be around and I, as some of you know, like to have fun.

Starting new Granges and signing up new members proves that excitement brings people in. When you have a group of people in a community that get excited about something like the Grange and they are talking about it everywhere they go people begin to wonder what is going on. As the new members are talking about all the wonderful things they have plans for in the new Grange non members will begin the consideration process of joining the Grange. They start looking into what the Grange is all about. We are the reason people join. Friends and fellowship, is the #1 reason folks join. I think that joining a group of folks that are excited about what they are doing and excited about the possibilities for the future is a great calling card for us.

Excitement can be expressed in different ways. You can "show" it and you can "tell" it. We all need to show some excitement. As we plan for our holiday parties

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# "Grangers Shine Through Their Crafty Designs"

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## Family Activities Program

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Happy New Year! We have a new master and some new state officers. Let's all get behind them and support, promote and grow Grange.

We are going to try something new this 2009. We are working on a Family Activity newsletter which we hope will be on the website of the State Grange and on Janet Price's Grange Family News. We hope this will keep everyone up to date on contests and important dates for the coming year.

If you have ideas or projects you feel other family activity chairmen would like to hear about, send it to our email and we will impart it to everyone. We want to hear from you.

In this issue are your State Family Activity's contest winners. There was so much beeeeeautiful stuff in that room at Dayton! I was happy we did not have to pick the best item. Thank you to our judges and Becky Northern and Beverly Foutz for their assistance.

Ann and I took 47 stuffed animals while Debbie and Mike Russell took 41 pillowcases to Dayton Children's Hospital. Mark Naylor took 81 pillowcases to Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Here are a couple places we get our patterns: Winfield, Fenton, Michigan, [www.winfieldcollection.com](http://www.winfieldcollection.com), phone 1-800-946-3435, Sherwood, Fenton, Michigan [www.sherwoodonline.com](http://www.sherwoodonline.com), phone 1-800-843-2571, plus Meisel in Mound, Minnesota, phone 1-800-441-9870, [www.meiselwoodhobby.com](http://www.meiselwoodhobby.com).

We want to thank our committee, Jan and Wayne Doner of Mercer County, George and Sara Bise of Guernsey County, Linda and Rodney Brown of Columbiana County and Henry and Barb Trexler of Wyandot County for a successful convention. We talked to lots of people in Dayton. Thanks for your encouragement and ideas. We understand our Grange members are getting older and the younger ones are very busy. This is true for all organizations. We have to work through it and find things a lot of people will be interested in doing.

Several people asked about doing flower arrangements. That would be good at the county level but asking your deputy to transport that arrangement to the state convention and have it as lovely as it was in the beginning is not fair. This is why we have not selected it as a contest. Please continue to give us suggestions and ideas,

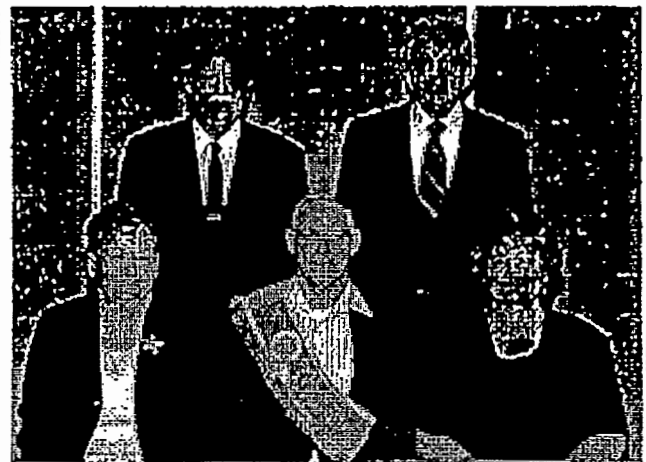
just remember when you give it to us you may not see it for a year or so.

Since this is the January/February monthly we are working on, it does not seem silly to talk about Spring Fling. Mark your calendar for April 25 and come to Friendly Hills. Car pooling is the way to go with higher gas prices. There are lots of available bunks if you want to come down the night before. It would be \$10.00 per person per night. Call Joe Lehman, camp manager at 1-740-452-0016 to reserve your space.

We have not determined who the speakers will be. We hope the Creative Memory consultant can come for more scrapbooking information and bring some of their products. We are also in contact with a lady who can speak concerning the process of repairing and restoring old quilts. We will again be doing a craft project or two.

We hope to see you there.

### State Officers Installed



Top: The Ohio State Grange officers were installed by:



Diana Nordquest, John Valentine - High Priest Of Demeter, Linda Brown, (standing) Rodney Brown, John Lauby.

Right: John Valentine obligates Gary Brumbaugh as Linda Brumbaugh Looks on.

**ATTENTION ALL CAMPS and CONFERENCES**

Any Grange Camp or Conference with less than 20 paid participants registered by the stated deadline will be cancelled. To ensure the events will occur, get your paid registration to the State Office or the proper person by the stated deadline. This is necessary due to the low participation at many Grange events.

**Bowling Tournament March 7 & 8, 2009**

**Beaver-Vu Bowl, Beavercreek, Ohio**

To receive a complete set of rules and entry forms, contact David and Sue Johnston, 12657 County Road 8, Findlay, Ohio 45840-9268 or call 419-423-9160. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 1.

**50th Annual Legislative Conference**

**7th Annual Deaf Activities Conference**

**Saturday, March 21, 2009 - Friendly Hills Camp - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Name	Phone Number	Conference Attending
_____	(____) _____	_____
_____	(____) _____	_____
_____	(____) _____	_____
_____	(____) _____	_____

County \_\_\_\_\_ Grange \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check \$12.50 per person by March 7 to:

**Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, P.O. Box 121, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019**

Anyone may attend the conferences. You do not need to be the Legislative or Deaf Activities person of your Grange to attend.

**Lecturer and Community Service Conference Registration Form**

**March 28, Ohio State Grange Office, Fredericktown**

**Cost \$12.50 per person**

Name _____	Grange _____	County _____
Address _____		City _____ State _____
Zip _____	Phone (____) _____	E-mail _____
Name _____	Grange _____	County _____
Address _____		City _____ State _____
Zip _____	Phone (____) _____	E-mail _____

Mail registration and fees by March 14 to:

**Ohio State Grange, P.O. Box 121, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019**

**Family Activities Spring Fling**

**April 25, 2009 - Friendly Hills Camp - 10:00AM - 2:00 PM**

Name	Phone Number
_____	(____) _____
_____	(____) _____
_____	(____) _____

County \_\_\_\_\_ Grange \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost \$12.50/person**

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check by April 11 to:

**Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, P.O. Box 121, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019**

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**

# DRILL and RITUALISTIC CONTEST

Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Friendly Hills Grange Camp  
5880 Friendly Hills Road, Zanesville, OH 43701

**Entry Deadline:** March 1, 2009

**Mail Entries to:** Ohio State Grange

For Junior Grange Contests, see September issue page 7

PO Box 121

For Public Speaking and Sign-a-song contests, see September issue page 13. Fredericktown, OH 43019

## **General Contest Rules:**

1. Pianist may be any age; recorded music is permitted.
2. A team shall be a County team or an individual Local (Subordinate) team, all members in good standing.
3. No county or district contest will be held; all teams will participate on the date and at the place shown above.
4. A sample score sheet and an information sheet will be sent to team captains upon receiving their entries.

## **DRILL CONTEST**

### **Drill Contest Rules:**

1. Teams must perform within a maximum 24' x 30' area. Teams may set up in a smaller area.
2. A drill must consist of at least 4 formations.
3. The time of the drill must be at least eight minutes, but not over ten minutes.
4. Junior Grange members in good standing may participate in drills.

### **Drill Contest Categories:**

#### **Any Age Drill**

Teams shall have from twelve to twenty-four members.

#### **Youth/Young Adult/Young Married Drill**

Teams shall have from eight to twenty-four members under forty years of age. Age shall be as of contest date.

#### **Any Age Fun Drill**

1. Teams shall have from twelve to twenty-four members.
2. Members should dress suitable to the drill.

## **RITUALISTIC CONTEST**

### **Ritualistic Contest Rules:**

1. Teams must perform within a 24' wide area, but will be allowed to utilize the entire width of the Ross Building – approximately 49'. Teams may set

up a smaller area if they so choose.

2. Special needs members are permitted on teams; they may or may not march in or out at the team's discretion.

### **Ritualistic Contest Categories:**

**Any Age Opening and Closing – Traditional (Lowering to another degree and raising back to the Fourth Degree)**

1. The ritualism is to be per the 1999 Subordinate Manual and the Code Book.
2. Teams will present and retire the flag, using the Official Flag Ceremony, and will conduct the Roll Call of Officers.

**Any Age Alternative Opening and Closing (Voting on new member(s) using paper ballots)**

1. The ritualism is to be per the Alternative Manual – revised October 2004 and the Digest of Law.
2. Teams may use traditional or alternative titles.
3. There must be at least one guest for the Gatekeeper/Greeter to introduce. **NOTE:** guest(s) may or MAY NOT be Grange members.
4. Members of teams may be from Action Granges and/or from Traditional Local Granges.
5. Teams will present and retire the flag, using the Official Flag Ceremony, and will conduct the Roll Call of Officers.

**Any Age New Member Welcoming Ceremony**

1. The ritualism is to be per the Alternative Manual – revised October 2004.
2. Teams may use traditional or alternative titles.
3. Members of teams may be from Action Granges and/or from Traditional Local Granges.
4. May use one to four candidates.
5. May use one or more sponsors; may use a sponsor for more than one candidate.
6. If sponsors are officers, they may remain at their stations.

# Ritualistic & Drill Contest

## Public Speaking & Sign-A-Song Contest

March 1, 2009, Friendly Hills Camp

Mail All Entries to:  
Ohio State Grange  
PO Box 121, 16303 Village Parkway  
Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585

Please check contest(s) your team is entering

<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Drill	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Opening & Closing
<input type="checkbox"/> Any Age Fun Type drill	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth/YA/YM Drill
<input type="checkbox"/> Any Age New Member Welcoming	<input type="checkbox"/> Any Age Drill
<input type="checkbox"/> Any Age Opening & Closing Alternative	<input type="checkbox"/> Any Age Opening & Closing Traditional

Grange \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

All rules are in the September 2008 Ohio Granger. If you have questions, direct them to the Ohio State Grange Office. All members must be in good standing with dues paid to December 31, 2009. The dues and reports for the Grange(s) must be submitted to the State Grange. Please mail entries by February 15, 2009 to receive copies of score sheets and instructions.

### Public Speaking Entry

See page 12 September 2008 Ohio Granger for rules  
Categories

14-19 years  regular  elevator  impromptu  
 20-29 years  regular  elevator  impromptu  
 30 + years  regular  elevator  impromptu

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grange \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by February 27, 2009 to:  
Ohio State Grange  
PO Box 121, 16303 Village Parkway  
Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585

### Sign-A-Song Entry

See page 13 September 2008 Ohio Granger for rules  
Categories

Individual  Novice  Hobbyist  
 Group  Novice  Hobbyist

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grange \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by February 27, 2009 to:  
Ohio State Grange  
PO Box 121, 16303 Village Parkway  
Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585

### Junior Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song Entry

See page 7 of this Ohio Granger for rules

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jr. Grange name and # \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Public Speaking: Age 8-10 \_\_\_\_\_ 11-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13-14 \_\_\_\_\_ Sign-A-Song Contest \_\_\_\_\_ Manual Alphabet \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by February 27, 2009 To: Ohio State Grange, PO Box 121, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019.

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were 11 pair of socks, 35 panties, 37 boxers or BVD's, 3 T-shirts, and 3 undershirts collected for Ohio School for the Deaf Health Department. I received three boxes of clothes that I will take to OSD Health Department. They were sent by Lori Goody of Riverside Grange in Muskingum County. Thank you, Lori and Riverside Grangers, for your donation of clothes. The school will really appreciate your donation, I just received a box of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves from Geneva Warner of Licking County. Thanks so much.

#### Conference March 21., 2009

I would like to invite each of you to the Deaf Activities Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2009. We're planning to have a hearing aid specialist as a guest speaker. Please bring your questions and concerns. Deafness affects every member of the family.

Keep up the good work of helping the hard of hearing and the Deaf in your family, Grange family and Community.

I really Love you,  
Sarah J. Grafton

#### Did You Know?

After the French Revolution of 1789, selling sour wine was considered against national interest and the merchant was promptly executed.

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and as we plan for the next meetings we need to make sure we let everyone see just how excited we are to be in the Grange. Let everyone see your excitement. Smile. Laugh. Give somebody a pat on the back or a thumbs up for a job well done. Just let all know by your actions that you are excited.

We all need to *tell* people we are excited. Talk positively about the Grange to other members and non members alike. Tell somebody that they did a good job at the last Grange event. Tell somebody that they are needed at the next meeting or activity. The spoken word can be powerful so make it positive and make it exciting.

Excitement is contagious. It is like a virus. Once one person starts to show some others will start to get excited. Have you heard the saying, "SMILE, make everyone wonder what you are up to?" I have proven this to be true. I challenge you to try it.

#### Did You Know?

There are no letters assigned to the numbers 1 and 0 on a phone keypad. These numbers remain unassigned because they are so-called "flag" numbers, kept for special purposes such as emergency or operator services.

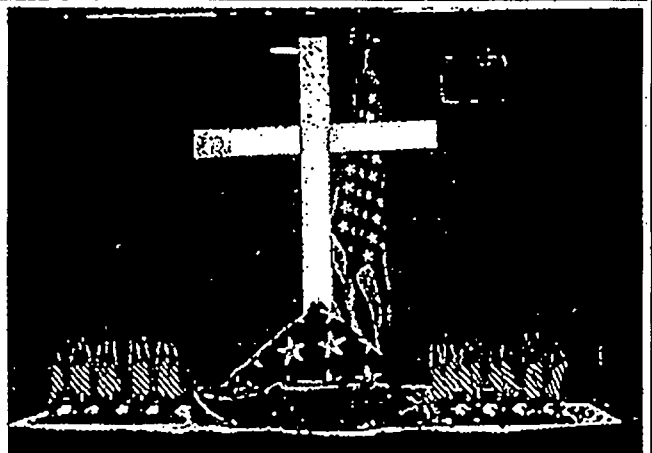
## Worship and Memorial Service Ohio State Grange Convention



Above: Richard Mahoney, Ohio State Grange Chaplain, presents "Jesus' Big Crayons" during the childrens portion of the worship service.

Top Right: Cross and flags used to honor our servicemen and women and the Grangers who have passed on.

Bottom Right: Columbiana County Pomona Grange presented the Memorial Service. First row: Linda Brown, Diana Nordquest, Chris Brown, Mary Jo Dye, Margaret Gotschall, Jessica McCrady. Second row: Rodney Brown, Christine Brown, Rick Nordquest, Marvin Dye, Ben Blevins, Brian Nordquest.





## Grange member benefits through The National Grange

See their web site at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org) or call (888) 4-GRANGE or (202) 628-3507

### American Income Life

All National Grange members in good standing will receive a \$2,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit (AD&D) provided by American Income Life Insurance Company at no cost to Grange members.

American Income Life provides other benefits as well and if you would like to know about them please contact Larry Lozano at American Income Life at 408-410-7811.

### Beltone

As a Grange member you will receive:

- 15% off the purchase of over 70 models of hearing aids
- Free hearing screening, a 10-step evaluation process
- Enrollment in the BelCare™ Member Satisfaction plan
- Enrollment in the Lifetime Care program
- Warranty and lost, stolen, or damaged protection coverage
- The convenience of over 1,400 Beltone providers throughout the United States

For further information or to locate a Beltone provider, please call 1-800-BELTONE (1-800-235-8663).

### Choice Hotels

- Grange members save 20% at over 4,000 Comfort Inns, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inns, Clarion, MainStay Suites, EconoLodge, and Rodeway Inn hotels worldwide.
- Free Choice privileges membership – the fastest way to free stays Free deluxe continental breakfasts available at over 2,600 locations.
- Children 18 and under stay free when sharing a room with a parent or guardian.
- To make reservations, please call 1-800-258-2847 and provide the ID #T00211660.

### Club Quarters

If your travels take you to Chicago, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, or Washington, D.C., you can stay at Club Quarters Hotels with a special discount for Grange members. Just call 212-575-0006, say you are a Grange member, and enjoy your savings.

### Hertz

- As a Grange member, you will receive discounted rates, as well as other promotional offers including a one-class car upgrade, \$10 off a weekly rental, or \$15 off a weekend rental.
- To make reservations, please visit the Hertz website, [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com), or call 1-800-654-2200.
- The Grange CDP# is 1516203.

### Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will provide Grange members with valuable information on how to become pro-active about that their health and their family's health by offering a way to get high-quality health screenings that are accurate, convenient, and inexpensive.

They do this by bringing their screening procedures to your community. Each test takes only a few minutes and is non-invasive. A board-certified physician, licensed in your state, evaluates the results and you receive a report by mail within three weeks. Grange members can take advantage of a four package screening that consists of Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package, for \$135 specially priced for National Grange members. You may also add the Osteoporosis Screening to the package for only \$10.

For more information or to schedule a screening, call Life Line Screening toll-free at: 1-866-204-9860 or visit their website at [www.LifeLineScreening.com/Grange](http://www.LifeLineScreening.com/Grange) and enter your zip code to sign up.

### National Grange Credit Card

WorldPointsSM National Grange Visa Credit Card – The Most Rewarding Card of All

Earn points and “get what you want” cash, along with travel, merchandise, and gift certificates. Only the World-Points card gives you the freedom to choose so much, so easily and with no annual fee. Simply call 1-866-438-6262 (TYY users 1-800-833-6262) to apply. Be sure to mention priority code FAAR2N.

Earn one point for every \$1 in purchases Redeem WorldPoints for travel, merchandise, and unlimited cash rewards—now with easy online redemption Access your secure account online, use the electronic bill payment service, or speak to a personal customer assistant 24/7

### Pre-Paid Legal Services

Pre-Paid Legal Services will allow members to buy prepaid legal services and/or Identity Theft Protection. Pre-paid offers various plans that include:

- legal consultation and advice,
- letters and calls made on your behalf for any subject matter,
- contract and document review,
- will preparation,
- minor and/or major legal expenses,
- IRS audit legal services.

Under these plans both the member and their spouse are covered along with their minor children. The Identity Theft Protection includes monitoring your credit report all three agencies and identity restoration. Plans from Pre-Paid Legal vary between \$16.00 and \$37.00 (a month) plus a \$10 one time enrollment fee. If you would like to learn more about Pre-Paid Legal (PPL) or enroll please visit our website at [www.prepaid.com/hub/thenationalgrange](http://www.prepaid.com/hub/thenationalgrange) or call Tony Lamm at Pre-Paid Legal, 916-995-2697.

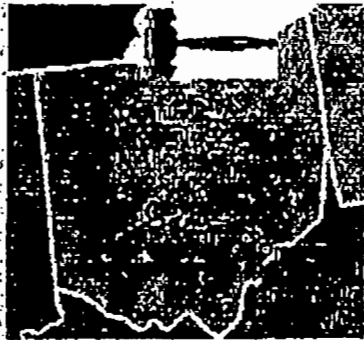
## Ohio Grangers at National Convention



Nicole Swigart, Juli and Tina Grafton perform their "Eastern Regional Conference Best Of Show" sign-a-Song at the "Evening of Excellence".



Euke Widder performs a piano solo as the Ohio Talent representative at the "Evening of Excellence".



Gary Brumbaugh committed to organize 2 Granges and revitalize 3 Granges in Ohio before the next National Grange Convention. Lets help him!



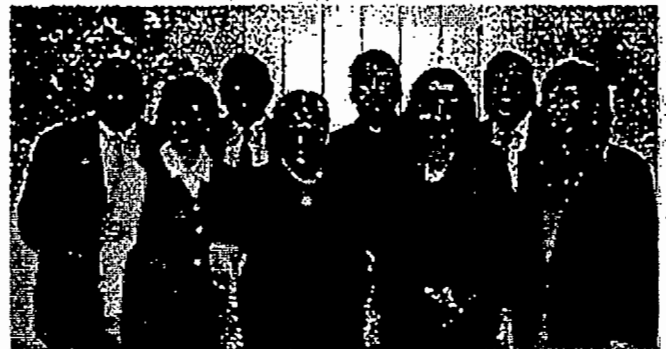
Justephanie Chandler served on the Youth Officer team at National Grange.



Youth Ambassadors Tiffany Paul and Carson Yost represented Ohio.



Jennifer Lanstrum (center) served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Junior Grange Degree Team.



Ohio is well represented on the crew of the 7th degree at National, Harold and Dorothy Eckert, Gary and Linda Brumbaugh - retiring directors of the 7th degree, Scott and Jennifer Russell - new directors of the 7th degree, Bud and Carolyn Hall from California. Not pictured Patty Dyer.

# Contest Winners

## Nifty Needles

### Class A Afghan

- 1 Margorie Canary, Mercer Co.
- 2 Rosemary Trivelli, Portage Co.
- 3 JoAnn Sanor, Columbiana Co.
- HM Ila June Ramser, Stark Co.
- HM Acelia Dreier, Muskingum Co.

### Class B For The Table

- 1 Kelly Fairview, Paulding Co.
- 2 Beatrice Linn, Mercer Co.
- 3 Beverly McRudy, Coshocton Co.
- HM JoAnn Sanor, Columbiana Co.
- HM Patricia Jentes, Wayne Co.,  
Non-member
- HM Gertrude Barnes, Warren Co.

### Class C Baby Afghan

- 1 Elsie Smith, Lorain Co.
- 2 June Justi, Franklin Co.
- 3 Betty Reed, Stark Co.
- HM Gertrude Barnes, Warren Co.
- HM JoAnn Sanor, Columbiana Co.
- HM Susan Postiy, Mahoning Co.
- HM Betty Conner, Wayne Co.

### Class D Rock-A-Bye Baby

- 1 June Justi, Franklin Co.
- 2 Rose Barrows, Meigs Co.
- 3 Rosemary Trivelli, Portage Co.
- HM Connie Allen, Ashtabula Co.

### Class E Embroidery

#### Division I

- 1 Judy Penia, Knox Co.
- 2 Bobbi Kalmer, Mahoning Co.
- 3 JoAnn Kinder, Miami Co.

#### Division II

- 1 Norma Hite, Fairfield Co.
- 2 Susie Dye, Knox Co.
- 3 Elsie Dehoff, Mahoning Co.
- HM Sarah Grafton, Franklin Co.
- HM Rose Barrows, Meigs Co.

### Class F Plastic Canvas

- 1 Barbara Moore, Warren Co.,  
Non-member
- 2 Becky Ginnery, Fairfield Co.
- 3 Lois Stout, Hardin Co.
- HM Darliss Mock, Muskingum Co.
- HM Mary Jo Dye, Columbiana Co.

### Class G Stuff Toys

- 1 Martha Haubert, Stark Co.
- 2 Ruth Ann Altenhoe, Columbiana
- 3 Joyce Martin, Ross Co.

### Class H Beaded Jewelry

- 1 Anne Frizzell, Stark Co.
- 2 Thomas Reiter, Geauga Co.
- 3 Melissa Luckhaupt, Muskingum
- HM Joyce Marlin, Ross Co.

## Class I Junior Stuff Toys

### Age 5-8

- 1 Leo Nachiangmai, Knox Co.
- 2 Erin Myers, Ashtabula Co.
- 3 Camaryn Riley, Darke Co.
- 4 Patrick Lanstrum, Geauga Co.
- 5 MacKenzie Runyon, Meigs Co.

### Age 9-11

- 1 William Pride, Wayne Co.
- 2 Caitlin Parkin, Darke Co.
- 3 Hayley Williamson, Geauga Co.

### Age 12-14

- 1 Derek Kempf, Columbiana Co.
- 2 Adam Hinshaw, Darke Co.
- 3 Megan Dyer, Meigs Co.
- 4 Jennifer Lanstrum, Geauga Co.
- 5 Bryant Crabtree, Ashtabula Co.

## Class J Junior Needlework

### Age 5-8

- 1 Madison Dyer, Meigs Co.
- 2 Patrick Lanstrum, Geauga Co.
- 3 Faith Blankenship, Ashtabula Co.

### Age 9-11

- 1 Hayley Williamson, Geauga Co.
- Age 12-14
- 1 Joshua Myers, Geauga Co.
- 2 Derek Kempf, Columbiana Co.
- 3 Bryant Crabtree, Ashtabula Co.

## Class K Junior Sewing

### Age 5-8

- 1 Jacob Corll, Columbiana Co.
- 2 Christopher Jacobs, Fairfield Co.
- 3 Kaylee Huston, Butler Co.
- 4 Joshua Dix, Stark Co.
- 5 Taryn Swaggard, Columbiana Co.
- 6 Mary Heilman, Hardin Co.
- 7 Faith Blankenship, Ashtabula Co.
- 8 Leo Nachiangmai, Knox Co.

### Age 9-11

- 1 Hayley Williamson, Geauga Co.
- 2 Amy Harris, Wayne Co.
- 3 Kortney Jacobs, Fairfield Co.
- 4 Trenton Weeks, Clermont Co.
- 5 Josh Mahoney, Stark Co.

### Age 12-14

- 1 Ashley Williams, Knox Co.
- 2 Jenn Lanstrum, Geauga Co.
- 3 Tiffany Jacobs, Fairfield Co.
- 4 Curtis Harmon, Clermont Co.
- 5 Megan Dyer, Meigs Co.
- 6 Mason Taylor, Ashtabula Co.

## Quilt Contest

### Class A By Individual

- 1 Ruth Phillips, Stark Co.
- 2 Kathryn Sampson, Washington
- 3 Faye Gray, Guernsey Co.
- HM Sara Cullums, Meigs Co.

## Class B By Group

- 1 Hilliard Grange, Franklin Co.
- 2 Charlotte Wagner, Washington
- 3 Sara Cullums, Meigs Co.

## Class C Small Quilted Items

- 1 Rosalie Johnson, Meigs Co.
- 2 Charlotte Wagner, Washington
- 3 Linda Wagstaff, Guernsey Co.

## Windchimes

- 1 Jan Doner, Mercer Co.
- 2 Rosalie Story, Meigs Co.
- 3 Larry Kinder, Ashtabula Co.

## Building a Bank

- 1 Wayne Doner, Mercer Co.
- 2 Lydia DeLong, Pickaway Co.
- 3 Ingrid Whitaker, Ashtabula Co.

## Special Awards

### Committees Choice

Kelly Fairview, Paulding County, Class B - For The Table,

### Peoples Choice Award

Judy Penia, Knox County, Class E - Embroidery - Division I

### Best of Show - Quilt

Ruth Phillips, Stark County, Class A - By Individual,

### Went to National Grange from the Family Activity

Barbara Moore, Warren County - Non-member, Class E - Embroidery - Division II

### Art -

Best of Show - Subordinate - Audrey Malavite, Nature, Pike Grange #1669, Stark County

Best of Show - Junior Art - Karah Nungessor, Clearcreek Valley Junior Grange #1051, Fairfield County

### Photography

Best of Show - Jordan McNeil, Portrait, Lexington #2672, Stark County

Best of Show - Kelsey Huston, Age 9 - 11 "Old Barn" Ohio State Junior Grange, Butler County

# Contest Winners

<b>Duct Tape Craft Ages 12 - 14 (9 entries)</b>		4	Lukas Vance, Meigs County	<b>Fleece Hat/Scarf Ages 8 &amp; under (9 entries)</b>	
1	Devan Cumpston, Stark County	5	Noah Richter, Clermont County	1	Kaylee Huston, Butler County
2	Anna Yoder, Knox County	6	Rebecca Yoder, Knox County	2	Matthew Yoder, Knox County
3	Jacob Wisecarver, Hocking Co.	7	Janelle Mears, Darke County	3	Erik Aberegg, Stark County
4	Curtis Harmon, Clermont Co.	<b>Warm Fuzzy Ages 9 - 11 (11 entries)</b>		4	Gabriel Boes, Miami County
5	Matthew Pinelli, Ashtabula Co.	1	Jason Shiltz, Miami County	5	Dylan Moyer, Ashtabula County
6	Adam Hinshaw, Darke County	2	Lukas Vance, Meigs County	6	Hope Stanley, Geauga County
7	Laura Maddox, Geauga County	3	Grace Kinner, Clermont County	7	Madison Dyer, Meigs County
8	Megan Dyer, Meigs County	4	Kyle Robinson, Stark County	8	Claire Kinner, Clermont Co.
<b>Memory Box Ages 12 - 14 (9 entries)</b>		5	Sarah Heilman, Hardin County	<b>Computer Generated Cards Ages 8 &amp; under (6 entries)</b>	
1	Tiffany Jacobs, Fairfield County	6	Kortney Jacobs, Fairfield County	1	Faith Blankenship, Ashtabula Co.
2	Jennifer Lanstrum, Geauga Co.	7	Rebecca Yoder, Knox County	2	Gabriel Boes, Miami County
3	Megan Dyer, Meigs County	8	Caitlin Partin, Darke County	3	Patrick Lanstrum, Geauga County
4	Derek Kempf, Columbiana Co.	<b>Fleece Hat/Scarf Ages 9 - 11 (8 entries)</b>		4	Christopher Jacobs, Fairfield Co.
5	Mason Taylor, Ashtabula County	1	Kelsey Huston, Butler County	5	Ethan Kinner, Clermont County
6	David Corll, Mahoning County	2	Anna Yoder, Knox County	6	MacKenzie Runyon, Meigs Co.
7	Adam Hinshaw, Darke County	3	Briana Aberegg, Stark County	<b>Decorated Wood Shelf - Ages 13 1/2 - 20 (4 entries)</b>	
8	Devan Cumpston, Stark County	4	Destiney Noce, Ashtabula County	1	Myron Sinclair, Geauga County
<b>Warm Fuzzy Ages 12 - 14 (9 entries)</b>		5	Amy Harris, Wayne County	2	Julie Hugus, Fairfield County
1	Jacob Wisecarver, Logan County	6	Grace Kinner, Clermont County	3	Jessica McCrady, Columbiana
2	Jennifer Lanstrum, Geauga Co.	7	Dakota Michalski, Geauga Co.	4	Jacqui Mears, Darke County
3	Rebecca Dix, Stark County	8	Janelle Mears, Darke County	<b>Design 2009 Calendar - YA/YM (3 entries)</b>	
4	Megan Dyer, Meigs County	<b>Computer Generated Cards Ages 9 - 11 (4 entries)</b>		1	Jessica McCrady, Columbiana
5	Tiffany Jacobs, Fairfield County	1	Kortney Jacobs, Fairfield County	2	Heidi Brooks, Fairfield County
6	Adam Hinshaw, Darke County	2	Hayley Williamson, Geauga Co.	3	Christine Lanstrum, Geauga Co.
7	Bryant Crabtree, Ashtabula Co.	3	Noah Richter, Clermont County	<b>Patriotic Decorations - 41 &amp; Over (6 entries)</b>	
8	David Corll, Mahoning County	4	Megan McNeil, Stark County	1	Martha Carpenter, Fairfield Co.
<b>Fleece Hat/Scarf Ages 12 - 14 (7 entries)</b>		<b>Duct Tape Craft (non-member craft) Ages 8 &amp; under (12 entries)</b>		2	Diana Nordquest, Columbiana
1	Jennifer Lanstrum, Geauga Co.	1	Trey Stoffer, Coshocton County	3	Trina Wisecarver, Hocking Co.
2	Devan Cumpston, Stark County	2	Faith Blankenship, Ashtabula Co.	4	Cindy Moyer, Seneca County
3	Curtis Harmon, Clermont County	3	Jacob Yoder, Knox County	5	Rosanne Williamson, Geauga Co.
4	Bryant Crabtree, Ashtabula Co.	4	Taylor Rodgers, Clermont County	<b>Woodworking Project - 41 &amp; Over (4 entries)</b>	
5	Adam Hinshaw, Darke County	5	Sydney Spittler, Geauga County	1	Ed Hillegas, Coshocton County
6	Austin Campell, Knox County	6	Gabriel Boes, Miami County	2	Lyn Shank, Stark County
7	Megan Dyer, Meigs County	7	MacKenzie Runyon, Meigs Co.	3	Marvin Dye, Columbiana County
<b>Computer Generated Cards Ages 12 - 14 (6 entries)</b>		8	Joshua Dix, Stark County	4	Pamelia Spencer, Geauga County
1	Mason Taylor, Ashtabula County	<b>Memory Box Age 8 &amp; under (13 entries)</b>		<b>Scenes - Subordinate (2 entries)</b>	
2	Adam Hinshaw, Darke County	1	Jacob Corll, Mahoning County	1	Mary Thomas, Hardin County
3	Tiffany Jacobs, Fairfield County	2	Christopher Jacobs, Fairfield Co.	2	Kelly Whitney, Geauga County
4	Jennifer Lanstrum, Geauga Co.	3	Madison Dyer, Meigs County	<b>Still Life - Subordinate (3 entries)</b>	
5	Curtis Harmon, Clermont County	4	Tyler Ritter, Wayne County	1	Carolyn Mann, Stark County
6	Megan Dyer, Meigs County	5	Faith Blankenship, Ashtabula Co.	2	Justephanie Chandler, Geauga Co.
<b>Duct Tape Craft (non-member craft) Ages 9 - 11 (11 entries)</b>		6	Madysen Piper, Mercer County	3	Shariah Nungesser, Fairfield Co.
1	Sarah Heilman, Hardin County	7	Taryn Swaggard, Columbiana Co.	<b>People - Subordinate (4 entries)</b>	
2	Jessica Dix, Stark County	8	Patrick Lanstrum, Geauga County	1	Audrey Malavite, Stark County
3	Rebecca Yoder, Knox County	<b>Warm Fuzzy Age 8 &amp; under (14 entries)</b>		2	Mary Thomas, Hardin County
4	Kyle Ehrhart, Geauga County	1	Jacob Corll, Mahoning County	3	Shariah Nungesser, Fairfield Co.
5	Grace Kinner, Clermont County	2	Madysen Piper, Mercer County	<b>Nature - Subordinate (4 entries)</b>	
6	Janelle Mears, Darke County	3	Jessica Skitzki, Geauga County	1	Audrey Malavite, Stark County
7	Corey Shiltz, Miami County	4	MacKenzie Runyon, Meigs Co.	2	Heidi Brooks, Fairfield County
8	Karah Nurguesser, Fairfield Co.	5	Fayth Weeks, Clermont County	3	Kelly Whitney, Geauga County
<b>Memory Box Ages 9 - 11 (7 entries)</b>		6	Taryn Swaggard, Columbiana Co.		
1	Kortney Jacobs, Fairfield County	7	Erin Myers, Ashtabula County		
2	Kelsey Huston, Butler County	8	Izak Kaiser, Knox County		
3	Brandi Weaver, Geauga County				



## Master's Address - 136th Annual Session - October 23, 2008

### Viola Wayne, Master

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio State Grange:

Welcome to the 136th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Grange here in Southwestern Ohio. It seems like a very short time since our last meeting. It is a pleasure to have Marty Billquist representing the National Grange with us for our annual session. Marty is a member of the National Grange Executive Board and Master/President of the Montana State Grange.

Delegates, it is your responsibility to study and act upon the resolutions submitted by the granges. By doing so, you will be setting grange policy for the coming year. I urge each of you to vote on the resolutions in a way that will be for the Good of the Order. Your selection to serve as county Delegates is evidence that your Granges have confidence in your leadership abilities. The Grange needs to continue to be involved in local activities as well as state and national.

#### STATE GRANGE PRIORITIES

On July 13, 2008, the Leadership Team of the Ohio State Grange agreed to accept the challenge of the National President, Ed Luttrell during his four day visit to our state.

1. Increase Active Membership and Participation at each Community Grange
2. Develop New Leaders and give them opportunities at each Community Grange
3. Revitalization of Community Granges as a State Priority
4. New Community Granges
5. Re-emphasize and strengthen the family structure through the Junior and Youth Programs

To accomplish these goals, Ohio Grangers must work together to reach the end result. Each of the priorities must be given special thought, a plan developed and implemented. It can be done by dedicating the time and resources to accomplish the five priorities.

#### DEPUTY ASSOCIATION

The Deputies are the tote and carry people of the Grange. I appreciate each of you for your dedication to our fraternity. Your assigned duties include representing the State Master/President in your county and in many cases counties while doing the inspections and overseeing the needs of your Grangers.

As I watched you arrive at the convention, you tirelessly but proudly toted all the entries from your county. You take members to meetings, campers to camp, etc. all with very few thank yous. As I pass this job on to the new Master, I can see the need for a school of instruction for new and continuing Deputies. You receive a packet of forms with no help on how to use them. I realized not everyone has the same forms when a Deputy calls the office for a form that no longer exists. I urge the new Master to give this consideration. I apologize for not being aware of the

fact before our last meeting. Also, the forms being online have become popular. It is my hope that by this time next year all of the forms will be on line. Not as many trees are killed by having the forms online.

#### AGRICULTURE

I emphasize again, this year, farming as we once knew it has changed. My family farmed our 36 acres with a team of horses. What an exciting day when the first John Deere tractor arrived. Farmer's Markets have more acres than my family had. The family farms long ago became big business. Farmer's Markets have become an important way of life. What was once a roadside stand at a family farm has now become very commercialized.

During the past months, the Ohio Proud developed a new logo. While at the meetings, the partners discussed their products which varied from the wine growers in northeastern Ohio to the tomato growers in southern Ohio. The hay and grain farmers along with the dairy, beef and hog producers feed the nation while struggling with the rising costs of seed, fertilizer and feed for their animals.

Thank you to the Granges and grangers who responded to the National Grange "Tyson Leave Us Alone" campaign. This effort required quick response on your part. You will hear more about the concern during the session.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The Budget and By-Laws Committees are studying the possibility of developing a Family Membership Program in Ohio. They will be presenting their recommendation in their committee reports. I urge the Delegates to give serious thought to the Pros and Cons of the proposal. It will be of help to the families with youth age children. The dues for a family would be considerably less. Ohio State Grange would realize a loss in revenue. A Family Plan was considered several years ago. At that time, it was decided against starting the endeavor. Each Delegate should vote, keeping in mind what is for the Good of the Order.

The September 30, 2008 Quarter shows a total membership of 7,500 this includes: 5,550 Dues Paying; 1,950 Exempt GS Members; 11 Associate Members. This is a loss of 634 members since the September 30, 2007 Quarter. All members need to become grange recruiters.

#### FRIENDLY HILLS GRANGE CAMP

The Foundation is now paying all the bills, including the payroll, incurred at the camp. The camp continues to need the volunteer workers and the monetary donations. The Friendly Hills Camp Advisory Board has worked diligently to keep the camp running for the past years. If the volunteer Grangers had not been willing to apply the necessary band aids plus their blood, sweat and sometimes tears to keep the camp running, the doors could have been closed by now. The camp still needs all of our

support to prosper in the future. Continued use by the Grangers of Ohio will ensure a bright future.

The money has not been available to make the necessary major repairs and improvements to meet the needs of prospective clients. The 30+ years have taken their toll on the roof, refrigeration units, furnaces, sewer system etc. Finances or the lack of continue to be a problem. Without the income from more larger groups using the facility for longer periods of time, the camp will continue to struggle. The Foundation recently hired a Marketing Manager, Nicole Hafer and Camp Manager Joe Lehman. Both are very enthusiastic and have great ideas for promoting the camp.

#### THE GRANGE IS FOR ALL AGES

The Grange has programs for all ages, member and non-members. This should be an outstanding membership tool for our organization. Are we using the strongest selling point we have to build our Fraternity? The State Junior Grange affords the opportunity to children ages 5 to 14 over the state to become Junior members when no Junior Grange is available in their county. The Junior program provides the beginning of a lifetime of friendships and adventures while teaching leadership skills. I urge your continued support of this phase of the Grange. When the younger members reach the age of 13 1/2 or 14 years of age, they can become members of their community grange with full membership privileges.

The Youth and Young Adult, Young Marrieds of the Grange are not the future of the Grange, they are the Grange of today. How easy the work becomes if all members, young and old, new and Golden Sheaf, share the load. I have heard the younger, newer members state "The old people will not listen to our opinions" or the older, long term members feel the youth are too busy to become active. Let us remember we are Brothers and Sisters of the Order. Be positive and patient with all ages. The revived Rally Weekend proved we can go back with all ages having fun together. The crowd was small but everyone participated.

The amount of pop tabs collected by the Grangers is amazing. The income received helps support the ongoing projects of the death department. The spring workshop was super as always. The lack of participation at the Camp Opportunity for Families XIV was discouraging. A camp for 2009 has not been scheduled. Grangers continue to give hats and gloves for the schools.

#### CONVENTION SCHEDULE

The new schedule for the convention has caused all of us to re-program our thinking. Change is always difficult. We are creatures of habit. Some adjustments will be necessary for 2009. The Executive Board will welcome all suggestions and give them consideration.

#### IN MEMORIAN

The Great Grange Above is indeed richer since our last meeting with the passing of many special Ohio Grangers. Our fraternity shares the loss of each member

from our grange family. They labored unselfishly among us. With their task on earth finished, now is the time for each one to rest.

#### THANK YOU

A personal thank you to the following people who lightened the load of this office:

- To our Worthy Overseer Gary Brumbaugh and his wife Linda
- To the Executive Board of the Ohio State Grange
- To our Worthy State Lecturer, Community Service Director, Dorothy Eckert and her committee
- To all the State Officers
- To our Bowling Directors, David and Sue Johnston
- To our Deaf Activities Director, Sarah Grafton and her committee
- To our Family Activities Directors, Lyn and Ann Shank and their committee
- To our Junior Directors, Patty and Opal Dyer and their committee
- To the Legislative Director, Gene Courtney
- To the Membership Directors, Dondi and Teresa Fitch
- To our Parliamentarian, Robert White
- To the Sixth Degree Directors, Wendell Lauth and Shirley Downs
- To the State Convention Director, JoAnn Ingram and her Assistants, Howard and Ann Zimmerman
- To the State Fair Coordinators JoAnn Ingram, Patty and Opal Dyer
- To our Youth Directors, Mike and Debbie Russell, Assistant Directors Ron and Debra Hogue and the State Youth Committee

#### IN CONCLUSION

A SPECIAL Thank You to Mary Jewell - office manager and Rhonda Shaffer - bookkeeper, for all the work they do to keep the office running smoothly. My family was sure I had lost my mind when I took on the responsibilities of this office. I am sure they are relieved with my decision to go home. Little do they know I already have travel plans. My thanks to Diana and her family for all they have done to keep my home safe and ready for my return. My sons, Mark and Mike were happy to let her assume those duties.

My Grange friends; you have been an important part of my life for over 30 years. Thank you for the opportunity given to me by the Delegates to serve this wonderful Family Fraternity as the first lady Master/President of Ohio. I am indeed humble and grateful for the confidence you placed in me. I have chosen to retire. I will miss the daily and hourly challenges. I plan to remain involved; only on a lesser level.

Fraternally submitted,  
Viola Wayne, Master Ohio State Grange

# Resolutions passed by Delegates at the Ohio State Grange Convention

## REPORT OF AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange support patent limits (suggest 10 years) on genetically modified seed, and also that the Ohio State Grange support laws that would prevent lawsuits that are involved with cross pollination where acts of God are concerned.

## REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange Executive Board develop a family membership dues plan to present to the 2009 Delegate Body at the Annual State Session.

RESOLVED that National Grange reinstate the honor bestowed on 50 year members by not assessing a dues payment for the balance of their membership.

RESOLVED that the Master/President shall receive a yearly salary of Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) and a monthly living expense of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

RESOLVED that the subordinate Grange pay the dues of their members who are on active military duty.

## REPORT OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange members request that the Board of Directors of the Federal Communications Commission, (FCC) adopt quantitative goals, based on current technologies, for reducing total "black out" zones of cell phone service for Ohio's agricultural areas.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange urge the Ohio representatives to Congress to enact rules to eliminate earmarks and pork barrel spending.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange support any legislation that will limit or prevent STOLI insurance and viatical settlement policies.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange encourage written information on new driving laws be given to drivers before renewing driver's licenses.

## REPORT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange and the National Grange urge Congress to develop an energy policy that reduces our dependency on foreign oil.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange urge the Federal Government to allow for drilling of oil in the coastlines of California and Florida as well as in Alaska; product to remain in the United States.

## REPORT OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange urge the National Grange to develop a stewardship program for using alternative domestic energy resources. These resources may

include coal, oil, wind, solar, and other sources that may become available. This program should be used to educate all Grange members and all persons in the USA to use, conserve, and share such resources in the most efficient way possible.

RESOLVED that the Grange at all levels work to support legislation making English the official language of the United States of America.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange support state legislation to require local communities to set up safety guidelines pertaining to retention ponds and public safety.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange encourage the state government to insure that the negotiated health coverage for retired employees be carried out according to the negotiated coverage during their time of employment, and further.

RESOLVED that the National Grange encourage the federal government to insure that the negotiated health coverage for retired employees be carried out according to the negotiated coverage during their time of employment.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange encourage the state legislature to impose the same fines and punishment for harming a social worker, as is applicable for harm to law enforcement and firefighters.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange request the cooperation of the National Grange in lobbying the United States Congress to provide a permanent educational assistance program to serve current and future military veterans.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange urge the state legislature to require registered sex offenders to vote absentee.

## REPORT OF GRANGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange create an agricultural based contest for juniors and all subordinate members within the State of Ohio.

RESOLVED that Howard and Ann Zimmerman be inducted into the Ohio State Grange Hall of Fame.

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange Master and Executive Board look into alternate forms, monthly newsletter or newspaper, for printing the Ohio Granger to reduce costs and ensure timely and relevant information.

## REPORT OF GRANGE BY-LAWS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange require only an annual report of each Junior Grange be made at the end of the June quarter accompanied by current specified fees.

RESOLVED that Article XI, Section 1, inserted between Paragraph 2 and 3, the Executive Board of the Ohio State Grange shall have the authority, between annual sessions of the Ohio State Grange, to adjust increases and decreases



according to National Grange current policy dealing with dues structure, per capita required to be sent to the Secretary of the Ohio State Grange per quarter.

**RESOLVED** that election of Ohio State Grange Officers be elected in the following order to coincide with the National Grange Constitution, Master, Overseer, Executive Committee, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona and Flora.

**RESOLVED** that the determination of convention resolutions covered under Grange present policy be left to the delegate body of the Ohio State Grange annual session, and further **RESOLVED** that each delegate committee chairman at the Ohio State Grange annual session be given a copy of Grange present policy in order to determine if resolutions are covered under present policy as well as to see how present policy may be affected by convention resolution.

#### REPORT OF LABOR AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED** that the Ohio State Grange go on record as opposing the construction of an Ohio Casino.

**RESOLVED** that the Ohio State Grange should go on record that the Ohio Secretary of State not mandate election requirements that result in higher operating cost for each County Board of Elections. Should the Secretary of State require these mandates then the State should supply the funds to cover the costs.

#### REPORT OF TAXATION COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED** that National Grange lobby the Federal Government to balance the budget and pay off the national debt.

#### REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED** that the Ohio State Grange urge the State of Ohio, Counties and Townships to replace the signs with new stop signs that have either LED lights which are solar controlled, or reflective material, and the post be covered with reflective tape. These signs would be more eye catching, especially at night at dangerous intersections.

**RESOLVED** that the Ohio State Grange support legislation to install left turn signals on existing traffic signals to enhance the flow of traffic & help reduce the number accidents at these dangerous intersections.

**RESOLVED** that the Ohio State Grange actively seek legislation to require the "for profit" ambulance companies to adhere to the same rules that govern the driving and on duty hours; that apply to bus and truck drivers.

## Make A Difference Day Project

The following letter was received by Dorothy from the Foodbank of Dayton for our donation to them during the Ohio State Grange convention.

October 29, 2008

Dorothy Eckert  
Ohio State Grange  
2480 Kline Rd.  
Mansfield, Ohio 44903

Dear Mrs. Eckert,

On behalf of The Foodbank, our member agencies, and the people they serve I would like to thank you for your organization's generous donation. The Ohio State Grange donated \$605, and 619 pounds of food to The Foodbank.

Each year, The Foodbank distributes more than 3,000,000 pounds of food to the local hungry. Our food comes from local food drives, wholesale purchasing, the USDA Commodities program, and vendor donations. We have over 75 partner agencies in our network that facilitate almost 100 programs that feed local hungry adults and children.

I cannot thank you enough for your commitment to our agency and the people we serve. Each item you donate is used to feed a person in the Miami Valley who may otherwise be struggling to get enough to eat. On behalf of them, thank you so much.

Sincerely,  
Nikki Hammes  
Resource Development Associate  
The Foodbank



## Important Dates

### January

- 9-11 Winter Youth Camp at Friendly Hills  
17 Pancake Breakfast and work day at Friendly Hills

### February

- 1 Junior Ritualistic entries due  
14 Work day at Friendly Hills  
27 Public speaking and sign-a-song entries due

### March

- 1 Drill and ritualistic entries due  
7 - 8 State Bowling Tournament, Beavercreek, OH  
14 Drill and Ritualistic Contests, Friendly Hills  
14 Sign-a-Song & Public Speaking, Friendly Hills  
21 Deaf and Legislative Conf., Friendly Hills  
28 State Lecturers' Conf., Fredericktown, OH

### April

- 4 State Dartball Tournament, Franklin County  
17 -19 Eastern Region Conference, Bridgeport, NJ  
25 Family Activities Spring Fling, Friendly Hills  
25 Junior Grange Play Day, Friendly Hills

## Bowling Tournament

March 7 - 8, 2009

Beavercreek, Ohio

It is time to start forming your teams for the 2009 State Grange Bowling Tournament to be held March 7th and 8th in Beavercreek, Ohio at Beaver-Vu Bowl.

Reservations must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2009.

To receive a complete set of rules and entry contact David and Sue Johnston, 12657 County Road 8, Findlay, Ohio 45840-9268 or call 419-423-9160.

Maps and a list of local motels will be sent with your schedules. All ENTRIES must be POSTMARKED on or before FEBRUARY 1, 2009.

## Dartball Tournament

Saturday, April 4, 2009 10:00 AM

Hosted by Franklin County at: St. John Lutheran Church  
6135 Rings Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

For more information and to enter your team contact:  
William Sidders 937-585-5818

### ATTENTION ALL CAMPERS

Any Grange Camp or Conference with less than 20 paid participants registered by the stated deadline will be cancelled. To ensure the events will occur, get your paid registration to the State Office or the proper person by the stated deadline. This is necessary due to the low participation at many Grange events.

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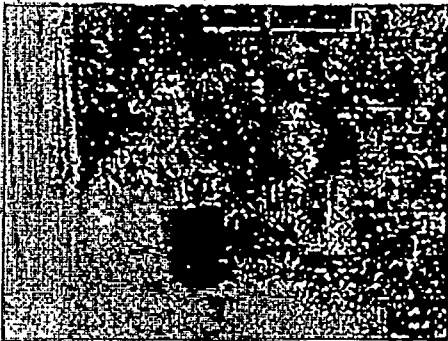


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## GRANGE OF THE YEAR

Honors were given to Wainville Grange #416 of Lane County. Accepting the award is Wainville's Master Paula Herick (left) from Youth Co-Director Kris Van Houten. Second place honors went to Spencer Creek #855, also of Lane County, and third place honors to Myrtle Creek #142, Douglas County.



Jim Welsh, Lobbyist

## 2007 Legislative Report

By: Jim Welsh, Lobbyist

The 2007 Legislature passed the State Budget in the afternoon of June 28<sup>th</sup>, on time, as promised by the House and Senate Leadership team. Delivering leg-

islation as promised and finishing the session on time helps immensely with credibility and accountability for the legislative process. Furthermore, it helps ease the angst with the promise to open another session in February. More on that at a later date, for now, let's look at some of the legislation that did and didn't pass during session.

### EDUCATION

#### K - 12 Budget

The legislature passed a historic Education budget and related agenda. House Bills 5019, 5020 and 5021, a package of legislation that added up to the highest level of funding in state history for K-12 education. HB 5020, the State School Fund, and HB 5021, the School Improvement Fund, create a total investment of \$6.245 billion in the K-12 education budget for the 2007-2009 biennium. \$260

million of the K-12 funds in HB 5021 will be distributed through a School Improvement Fund that requires schools to invest in a specific list of results-oriented programs and then be held accountable by reporting back to the state about the specific benefits of those investments. The investments target reductions in class sizes and restoration of programs for students. HB 5019, the Department of Education Budget, includes \$39 million for Head Start programs.

#### Healthy Kids Plan

Senate Bill 3 and Senate Joint Resolution 4, are the two legislative components of the Healthy Kids Plan. SB 3 is the plan and SJR 4 will refer the plan to the voters for approval in November which must pass in order to become effective. The Healthy Kids Plan will provide health care for more than 100,000 children in Oregon that are currently uninsured. The plan achieves this goal by increasing the cigarette tax in Oregon by 81 cents a pack. Included in the plan will be additional dollars for tobacco prevention efforts in Oregon and new resources to support health care services in rural communities.

#### Local District

##### Accountability (SB 384)

This bill prohibits school districts, education service districts, and public charter schools from paying outrageous golden parachutes to administrators. By eliminating golden parachutes, legislators have ensured that more of our tax dollars will be spent where they should be: in the classroom.

##### Teacher Mentoring (HB 2574-A)

This bill would provide new teachers and administrators with an intensive mentoring program in hopes of giving them the tools they need to succeed. Forty percent of new teachers in Or-

gon quit within the first five years, at a cost to taxpayers of over \$45 million each year. Mentors are experienced or retired teachers and administrators who are trained and tested in best teaching practices. The goal is to assist the beginning teacher or administrator to become a confident and competent professional educator who makes a positive impact on student learning.

#### Keep Junk Food Out of Schools (HB 2650)

This is legislation that sets standards for what kind of snack food may be sold in schools. Foods with fat and sugar content beyond a certain level will not be allowed in school vending machines or to be sold by school stores. Under this legislation, food items would meet a standard of portion size and amount of calories, and be under a certain level of fat and sugar content. In higher grade levels, the amounts allowed would increase. The standards would not apply to after-school and sporting events attended by parents and the public. Standards set by the legislation would become effective in the 2008-2009 school year.

#### Urging Congress to Fund Rural Schools (HJM 5) - OSG Supported

Memorial asks Congress to extend crucial funding for schools through 2016. Congress enacted the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2002 to stabilize payments for schools. As compensation for the land being exempt from taxation and for local services, Congress shares a portion of the revenue from its forestland. Counties also expend resources to help with upkeep of the land.

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### 141st National Grange Convention To Be Staged In Sparks, Reno, Nevada

The 141st National Grange Convention will be held in Sparks, Reno, Nevada, from August 13 to 17. The convention is being held in Sparks, Nevada, because of the excellent facilities available there. The convention will be held in the Sparks Convention Center, which is a modern building with all the conveniences of a large hotel. The convention will be held in Sparks, Nevada, because of the excellent facilities available there. The convention will be held in the Sparks Convention Center, which is a modern building with all the conveniences of a large hotel.

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An interesting article and picture were published in the July-August edition of The New Grange from the National Grange School of Agriculture. The article is entitled "The Grange School of Agriculture" and is written by the National Grange School of Agriculture. The article is a very interesting one and is well worth reading.

Invitation Grange #250 Truck  
Mona W. McKenzie  
Grange #50 Truck  
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## Pomona News

### Lane Pomona Grange #14

The Lane Pomona Grange #14 has been very active in the past few months. They have held several meetings and have been very successful in their work. They have also been very active in their community work and have been very helpful to the community. They have also been very active in their educational work and have been very helpful to the community.

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## Grange Exchange

### Abernethy Grange #340

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### Eagle Valley Grange #656

The Eagle Valley Grange #656 has been very active in the past few months. They have held several meetings and have been very successful in their work. They have also been very active in their community work and have been very helpful to the community. They have also been very active in their educational work and have been very helpful to the community.



# Community Service

The Grange holds an important place in each of our communities and will survive only if the members of the community determine that they are worth their time and effort.

Our members and potential members have so many demands on their time, particularly the more youthful ones we seek. We need to provide meaningful and relevant experiences for them. So involving your Grange and members in the community is a right thing to do.

It is important to recognize the involvement in the community benefits the Grange as well as its members and the community as well.

Selection of projects and plans for success. Most Granges will not begin with a perfect plan. In the midst of a plan, a change in course may well be necessary. But if it is not right for their Grange at that time.

Did a problem even exist that you do exist and think is right and give everyone a voice in the plan. But this was not a final decision. The plan does not have to be completed in one hour. Do not feel need to expect some really important plans.

We know that Granges have been doing projects for years and can build upon those experiences.

When you have completed your project, evaluate its success and potential impact on your Grange. You will want to arrange for publicity in the local press and let your members know of the recognition you Grange has received. Celebrating a project and include your members with the report that is filed with the important records of your Grange which means that the next time this project is considered you will the benefits of your project and the recognition others you might make.

Hold meetings to first clarify the goals, then to report on what you hope to accomplish by doing the project.

Annual reminder. It is very important to select a project that is meaningful to your community, but also meaningful to your Grange. This may mean your Grange breaking some of the old rules about what is right for a project. The old rules were a guideline, not a rule. Now there are no rules upon in some Granges. The really what you want to do is to see if you can do it well. New ideas, including projects, will be with you and reward.

We want to stress the importance of the Grange as the not just a place to go to meetings, but a place where you can work with other members. We are looking for community involvement and the recognition that comes from community involvement. Do not feel that you are doing and not doing it every day and worth the time and effort.

Do not forget the value doing Community Service as an incentive. It is too very important and sometimes forgotten. Record and pass this on to your Community Service Chairman. Sometimes the effort of doing a few something for someone else can make all the difference in the world to them and to you.

Good luck and have a great time.  
Evelyn Pugh District 3 Chairman  
Community Service and Involvement.



## Good Grange News

DeWitt County Pomona #22 will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 10, at Pine Forest Grange. Refreshments will be served at lunch.

It's Halloween Time at Morningstar Grange #317 in Union County. The Halloween party begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, October 20. Bring your own. There will be a pumpkin patch, leg and hog game contest for all ages, plus games.

October 26-27 has been designated as National Indian Week at the Grange Hall. Those attending are asked to bring a contribution of \$2 each or more. It will be used for the Jefferson High School Christmas bazaar.

Pleasant Grove Grange #375 in Union County recently hosted a walk on "vegetable recognition", which was taught by the and Doreen McCarty of LaGrange. They have a very large garden and turned the soil of their garden. The walk was not made through the winter in their root cellar. The attendees were asked to bring a few green vegetables, some raw vegetables. Green peppers and red peppers were donated for the "Kiss the Earth" program process. The students went home with a quart of vegetables ready to go.

Kinton Grange #562 of Washington County recently received honors and 2008 People's Choice Award at the Washington County Fair. New member Carolyn Bruce teamed up with Jane Miller and

John Berley to put together the display. Public comments included admiration for the educational content.

Fairfield Grange #720 and Woodburn Grange #79, Marion County took 1st and 2nd place honors with their booth at the Marion County Fair. Fairfield's booth featured wool products and their trees and won first place. Woodburn placed 2nd following the theme "This One's for You" and according to Woodburn's newsletter, had sheep literally all over.

Cozy Pomona #30 will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 27, at Maple Grange Hall in Wayne County.

## 2008 and 2009 Planning Committees Start Plans for State Sessions

The 2008 Area Session will be held at Groves County High School in Pineville, North Carolina beginning on Saturday, June 14 and concluding on the following day, June 21. The schools had a few trucks of the school that way to Pineville and very close to the school. It will be a beautiful setting for the session. The committee will be looking for the committee for the 2009 session. The committee will be looking for the committee for the 2009 session.

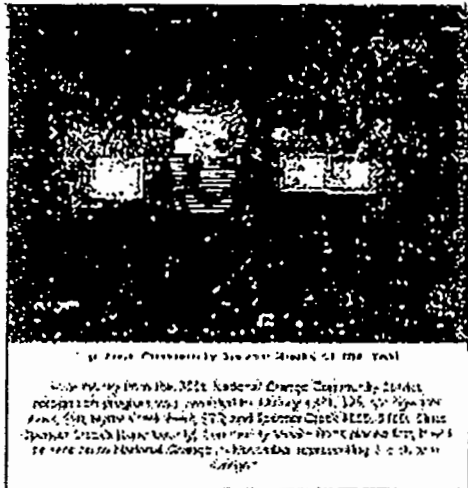
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Portia Reid, Umattilla Pomona #26, was holding the first meeting for the 2008 session. The new or historical Fair Hill in Fair City, Georgia was chosen as the meeting site and will be led by Gail Wilson. The site has not yet been chosen.

## Columbia Grange To Consider Dues Increase

The Columbia Grange is considering a dues increase. The committee will be looking for the committee for the 2009 session. The committee will be looking for the committee for the 2009 session.





Group photo of the G.A. members at the meeting.



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Example: In this Bulletin we will focus on Leadership.

### Leadership:

People become Grangers because they want to belong to a prestigious organization that is well led and capable of making a difference.

**Organization**— You may have joined because you were impressed with the way the Grange was organized from the local or community level to the County level, State level and the National level. You may have joined because of how organized the meeting agenda was which helped the group of people discuss problems and Grange well, or because of the accomplishments of the Grange in the past.

### Opportunity to Lead in an area of interest:

For example, a fairly well educated person may be more interested in the Youth Department. People who live with hearing difficulties, either their own or a close relative or friend, may be encouraged to develop programs for the Hearing impaired.

We have the advantage of working with lobbyists and legislators on a variety of issues that impact our community. And there are many areas where we can help children through our schools. We can develop and lead committees of our choosing. Special projects from 50¢ displays to fund raising.

**Develop leadership skills**— We may have joined because we saw an opportunity to practice and develop our leadership skills by working with others and making presentations to the lay members or at conventions of the Grange.

**Monitoring**— We need what we say in people who belong to our Community Grange. We realize this is an opportunity to gain from the many benefits of education and being part of a group and then to be an example for others by sharing their own contributions.

**QUESTION: HOW HAS OUR GRANGE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**



### G.R.O.W. Club Meets

A committee of the GROW Club met at the home of Susan Kingsborough on March 20 to discuss plans for the month. GROW Club members are Grangers who have interested themselves in Continuing Young Lady or Young Men's Club. They would be given and Process in some of the areas where the Continuing Young Councils or Young Adult and those who have been awarded any of the more recent opportunities for youth and young adults to participate in the Regional or National Events. The main objective of members is to continue to be with a local and national.

The GROW Club committee entertained several guests for a luncheon including our own Young Lady Degree in which we will celebrate the Degree of Robbery in full form at our next session. By having an offering to organize the up parties for local Grangers who need a few more hands to help fund raising projects designed to give the youth a hand and encourage some social and partying regarding a trip in National Session in April. All of these articles will be open to participation by new GROW Club members. Do you have a question about the GROW Club?

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through the materials we put together and gave each person that work through the line. We even had a lunch menu that gave the breakfast for the first and the breakfast for the second that showed by 1980 the price of \$1.20, the dinner menu of \$2.75 and the lunch menu of \$2.25 and all most people were surprised at the final.

Vernon and Paula Herrick, Oregon State Grange Agriculture Unit, had organized for his year's work had a lot of praise for the people who worked to make a such a successful event.

The luncheon was coordinated by the Oregon State Grange and the OSG Agriculture Department and hosted by Clarke's Grange, 3281 in Clackamas County. Paula Herrick said, "Thanks to the Oregon State Council, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Oregon Horsemen's Association, Tillamook Valley Potato Growers, Nor Pac, Oregon Cherry Growers, Oregon Dairy Council, Oregon Women for Agriculture and the Vernonia Market at Rural Grange and OSG Legislative Unit who asked our committee head for 500 people, we were able to get the affair into a party out to a lot of key people."

For more information on the work, write to Oregon State Grange, 645 Main St. N.W., Salem, OR 97301, call 503-316-0128 or email [osg@osg.org](mailto:osg@osg.org)



Members of the Membership Committee.

### Greetings from the Membership Committee

State Session is right around the corner and we have been busy making plans. The Membership Committee will have a Table at Jefferson where we will display several items we have produced this past year on Membership. This year we will have a Membership Dinner on Tuesday Evening before the luncheon program as well as a Membership Conference later in the week. Don't forget the Session Agenda in this Bulletin for more details. We encourage you to attend the Dinner and make membership part of your Tuesday Evening plans.

In the August Bulletin we displayed our program for the year emphasizing four major areas. These were the Fellowship, Learning, Leadership and Service. We believe through our collaboration in these areas we will provide for the Grange and continue to belong to the

Fraternally,  
Susan and Cecile Hupp  
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# Grange Exchange

## Boulevard Grange #389 started in 1909

By Joe Richmond

In 1867, Oliver H. Kelly conceived the idea of the Grange organization as a means for farmers to have collectively for educational action and to form a community service organization.

Boulevard Grange was chartered May 18, 1909, by W.R. Cooley, then deputy state grange leader, number 389. The name Boulevard was chosen for Highway 201. Each month it was held in the home of a member just west of Decatur to honor the first headquarters building of the Eastern Grange. Grange was a long time building between Decatur and the Falls area. The hall was built in a Goddard home and managed by E.D. Conklin, for whom the early day primary school in Orleans was named.

The first records for the Grange date to 1912, as the books were destroyed by a fire in April, 1909, after a brief period of activity from 1921 to December, 1925. Boulevard Grange was reorganized in 1927, County of Jackson.

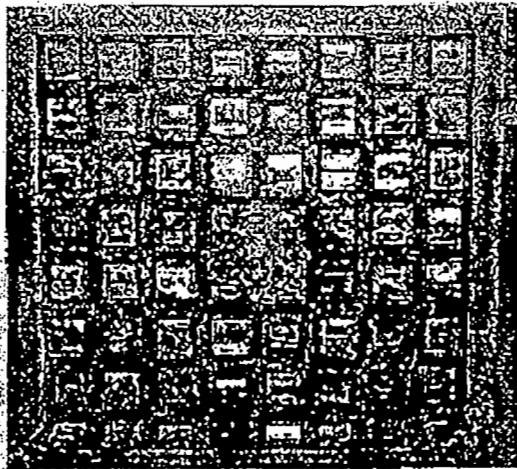
After a fire which damaged the old two-story frame building, a duplicate charter was issued in May 29, 1947, and a new brick building was built at the same location. The last meeting took place on Oct. 27, 1947.

The grange is a family-type organization with something for every member of the family. The women have their own social and work group known as Grange Women's Activities. They prepare and serve a number of dinners for individuals and groups such as the Veterans and Co-ops. Their meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Each November a Christmas Bazaar is held with a social exhibit. The grange ladies serve food in the kitchen.

On the second Saturday of each month the grange sponsors a country-western dance. The dances are open to all ages and welcome. Security is provided by the local county sheriff's office. The grange also serves in the Cancer Walk and 117.

Boulevard Grange No. 389 meets at 8 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings at the meetings are Wayne Salas, master; Dorey Dugan, co-master; Frank Henry, Howard Steve, John, Judy, and Larry, stewards; Betty, Elaine, chaplains; Betty, treasurer; Val, Richman, secretary; Wayne, Alvin, Howard, Janet, sub. Co-ops: Bob, Cassingham, Dorman, Kari, Paul, Bob, Virginia, Salis, Jean, Alice, and Debbie, officers; executive committee.



Handmade quilt by a member of the grange.

## Handmade quilts feature high quality

The king size quilt was over 200 inches and was a beautiful piece of art. It was made from 1886 to 1907. The quilt is being offered to help District 6, host the State Grange meeting in Portland in June of 1977. The quilt displays our community life through agriculture. As of June 26th we have collected over 1200 quilts.

## Camas Valley Community Grange #521

Last month we voted at our regular business meeting to change the time of our meeting to 10 P.M. every other Tuesday of each month.

## Deer Island #947

Dear Patrons, This to inform you that the Grange function of Deer Island Grange #947 have been postponed for this holiday year.

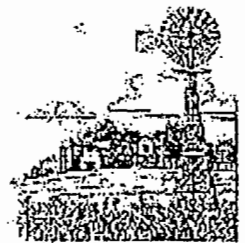
We have been informed by the Columbia River Public Utility District that the community room we have been using for all of our Grange functions will be closed until January 15th for extensive FUD employee training classes and will be closed to community use.

The following schedule has been set up to get us by until we get back from the FUD meetings. We will have our meetings at the Falls of the St. Helens Service Center.

Social meetings on the 1st Thursday will be discontinued for the time being. Business meetings will continue on the 2nd Thursday, which will be held at various members' homes with a check-out and check-in by the business meeting at 7.

The August 15th meeting has been scheduled at the DIT Hoop. Subsequent meeting locations will be given by each meeting. Please call your local Grange for details.

Bill Taylor, President



## Cherry Park #667

Hello to all Grangers from Cherry Park Grange #667 in the Dalles, Oregon. We are glad to mention to our Grangers and friends growing. We are proud that we have grown so much in the short time we have been open.

We have a variety of every week in yellow Gospel meet on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00 P.M. and Grange issues on Friday nights from 7:00-8:00 P.M. We also have the first Saturday of the month from 7:00-8:00 P.M. and the public is welcome. We have a home for the Grangers and a home for the Grangers. We are proud to be a part of the Grange family.



From left to right: ...







RECEIVING CERTIFICATES for Community Service projects and notebooks for the month of August. The awards were presented by outgoing Community Service Advisor, Beverly J. Goshaw.



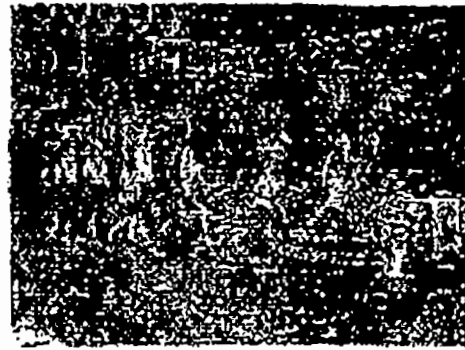
THREE LOVELY LADIES are in the garden at the school. They are working on their plants.



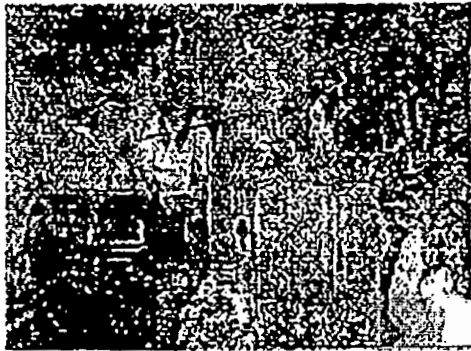
VOLUNTEERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS are at the school. They are members of the "WOMEN'S CLUB" and are working on their plants.



AN INTERESTING GROUP for the young children are working on their plants. A number of them are working on their plants.



ALONG WITH THE GROUP are a number of children who are working on their plants. It is always amazing what these youngsters can do in a short period of time.



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**Exempt Work Work Leave**

On June 13<sup>th</sup> Representative Dingfelder (D) District 45, Portland held a public Work Group meeting on the issue of Exempt Wells in Oregon. Her much discussed and passed legislation (HR 2554) on this issue in 2007 is now beginning another phase to see if there are needed changes to the law or refer to this much protected class of water right holders. Exempt wells include residential land owners mostly in the rural areas outside city and town limits, farms and ranches will feedstock, deep well geothermal heat systems and some other special commercial situations. Rep. Dingfelder along with Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Association of Nurseries, Water Watch, Nature Conservancy, and some other environmental interests agree there should be some changes to the state law and rule on this issue especially where increased well development may interfere with agriculture wells or in-stream water volume. Also the issue of the amount of water allowed daily from an exempt well is in dispute. Without over-exaggeration everyone agrees this issue is contentious. It was agreed by most of the participants that there was much discussion about water availability in many areas throughout the state especially in areas with increased population growth and known water challenges and restrictions. Several participants voiced their concerns with an issue of this magnitude and how it would or should play into the Governor's H2O Initiative. May 2008 there will surely be more to this issue.

**Global Warming Commission - Natural Resource Committee**

The Global Warming Commission Natural Resource Committee held their first meeting June 2, 2008 the very beginning of the discussions around the table is reported to be a preconceived notion by Commission members that all involved agreed on the much discussed and contentious issue of "Global Warming". So the discussion went very quickly to "pinning" of important issues and Natural Resource agencies involved and challenged by

"Global Warming". It is expected that all agencies involved in this process are "Global Warming" and how it will affect them, necessarily and how they will use any increased revenue for "Global Warming". At some point in time the natural resource community, industry and legislative coalitions may be asked for their input but in the mean time they are proceeding their input individually and cooperatively.

**Farm Labor and Minimum Wage**  
In the light of the increases enacted by the United Farm Workers (UFW) there are ongoing discussions of how to respond to the continued efforts of the UFW to divide and conquer certain segments within the agriculture community in order to unionize farm labor. It is without saying this issue is highly contentious, and it is a polarizing issue politically with the obvious presence of pro union legislators and political consultants working in the Governor's office. Hopefully there can be a strong legislative coalition presence to address the ever pressing issues of increasing costs to agriculture and ultimately the consumer when increasing costs are coming from all directions. And the increasing and on horizon minimum wage increases for at least 10 employee sectors in the state that are supported by the voting public and the unions who in return should allow for a continued exempt category for agriculture and reduced product in return to agriculture workers in an effort to slow the market to influence wage increases as agriculture products increase in demand and price. There will be more to come on this issue.

**Indebtedness Tax**

The Department of Revenue (DOR) has been in the process of developing rules to the 2008 Legislative amendments to Oregon's inheritance tax legislation that provided the farmers, 2011, 2012, forecloses and commercial fishermen a special tax status for estate transfers upon death of a family member. The DOR, it seems, is once again negotiating the legislative bill within their rule making. However, the farm industry

members, accountants and attorneys are discussed with this process and DOR's ability to get it right. There will be more on this issue as it unfolds.

**Oregon's Meat Inspection Proposal**

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has been involved in discussions about the possibility to provide an in-state meat inspection process that would allow small producers the opportunity to have their meat inspected closer to home than slaughter and during processing for local markets. This proposal raises several questions such as: Where will the meat slaughter and processing for small producers occur (not much available in Oregon on the small processing side)? How does the USDA inspection requirements fit? Where will ODA get the needed revenue to support an additional and enforcement program? These questions and many more must be answered in a skeptical environment after the recent national meat processing debacle and recent food safety issues surrounding our country's market shaping experiences. More on this later.

**Oregon's Big Look Task Force - Preliminary Ideas**

This report summarizes the preliminary ideas of Oregon's Big Look Land Use Task Force for reforming Oregon's Land Use Planning Program. The Task Force was formed to evaluate Oregon's Land Use Planning Program and make recommendations for how it should be adapted to address the challenges of the future. The Task Force has some initial ideas, but needs your advice and expertise to develop recommendations.

**Overarching Principles**

A key aspect of the Big Look Task Force's work so far is the recommendation that the Oregon Land Use Planning Program be founded on four overarching principles. Together, these four principles describe what the Oregon Land Use Planning Program is to accomplish. The Task Force believes that these principles portray a vision of what the planning program should be

achieving. In events that all Oregonians can understand and support. The current Oregon Land Use Planning Program has a set of narrower goals that have become so complex that they do not clearly describe what the program is supposed to achieve. While the Task Force believes much of what are currently central goals can be met under important policy objectives, the program would be better cast in the context of principles defining outcomes that are readily understood by all Oregonians. The Task Force's four overarching principles for land use planning are:

- Providing a healthy environment
- Sustaining a prosperous economy
- Improving a desirable quality of life
- Maintaining a program that is fair and equitable

Oregon's current Land Use Planning Program has been effective in meeting many of the original goals set by the Oregon Legislature. However, it also is apparent that the program needs to be changed to prepare Oregon for the future. The coming decades will bring unprecedented growth, as Oregonians continue to raise families here and new residents move to Oregon (but not all parts of the state). Over 10 million more people are expected to reside in Oregon by the year 2040. Providing adequate water, sewer, roads, transit and other infrastructure systems will require significant new revenue sources. Deciding where to invest and where growth should occur will present difficult tradeoffs. At the same time, the world is facing the collective challenge of climate change and rapidly increasing oil costs. The Task Force believes that it is imperative to plan for and invest in communities that are resilient to challenges such as water shortages, high gasoline costs, and climate-related changes that were unimaginable just a few years ago. The Task Force has developed preliminary recommendations to provide both stakeholders and the public with more information on the issues reported in the initial thinking of the Task Force during meeting 1 of nearly 200 persons over the past two years. The recommendations will be discussed in the Task Force's next round of public input from stakeholders, and in September and early October the Task Force will carry out a multi-jointed public engagement program to test the ideas of Oregon's citizens concerning the Oregon Land Use Planning Program and how it should be designed for the future.

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**Moving? Let Us Know**

*By William H. Herick  
OSG Agriculture Director*

**Primary Recommendations**  
The primary recommendations are:

1. Identify farm land, forest land, and natural areas of statewide importance, and apply market-based tools to complement regulation as a means of maintaining farm and forest uses, and to protect natural areas. Local and regional governments should determine the appropriate uses of lands that are of statewide importance, consistent with the long-term carrying capacity of the lands and considering impacts to neighboring uses.
2. Use land use planning tools in coordination with strategic involvement of the agricultural and forest industries to improve the quality of life in Oregon's urban places, while making it possible for cities to absorb the significant population growth expected to occur.

- Provide funding for infrastructure to support high development and efficient new urban areas
- Provide incentives for redevelopment efforts
- Provide more predictability through the designation of urban and wilderness
- Allow contingency planning to address unforeseen events such as natural disasters and unforeseen events, and
- Provide for more "safe harbors" to simplify local land use planning

**J. Reclaim the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission to carry out long-range land use planning for the state, and give the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development the resources to facilitate and assist regional collaboration and local planning efforts.**

- Organize state studies and make the process more efficient, and to reduce complexity, and to reduce costs
- Encourage local and regional planning, including a GIS study, and
- Encourage collaborative regional planning that allows stakeholders cities and counties to work collectively to meet statewide goals.

**K. Plan for and anticipate economic growth (eg, increased transportation, green industries, and high-tech clusters) being and already available both for economic development and a new "capital growth" period in response to new economic opportunities.**

1. Identify opportunities for how to manage by design and market forces to divert reduction of greenhouse gases from all sources, including transportation sources. As part of this, the state should set targets for how land use planning can reduce

greenhouse gas emissions resulting from transportation. Recommended benchmarks should be developed by the Global Warming Commission, with broad involvement of local entities and the public. There should be a corresponding effort to create better analytical tools to predict carbon emissions resulting from different land use and transportation alternatives.

- Ensure that infrastructure investments support compact development in urban areas
- Develop tools for cities and counties to evaluate the climate impact of proposed UGB expansions and other land use actions
- Collect and disseminate "best practices" for using land use planning tools to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Provide technical assistance to local and regional governments to carry out their best practices and
- Help communities plan for climate change.

**NOAA Fisheries Service Issues Final Plan for Protecting North West Salmon**

NOAA Fisheries has announced new measures to provide comprehensive, far-reaching plans for the protection of salmon species. These improvements are detailed in their new biological opinion and will be in effect for at least 10 years.

Two of the plans (from federal agencies) operators of eight hydro-power dams in the Columbia River basin and almost two dozen other Northwest dam-related irrigation projects on the Upper Snake River in Idaho. The third sets forth a plan for managing salmon harvests for Indian tribes in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon and for those states themselves. Thirteen populations of salmon, including steelhead, are affected by some or all of the dams and are listed for protection under the ESA. NOAA has made important changes to make the hydro-power biological opinion more robust since its public release in a draft document last October. The new document includes a strengthened climate change section, which takes riverine flows and their hydroperiod on salmon into consideration. The document also factors in the effects of hydro operations on fish, wildlife and green strategies to make sure that if riverine flows are not adversely affected as steps are taken to protect salmon. Throughout the plan, NOAA Fisheries approach has been to create an equal measure of protection for salmon, especially where it comes to anticipating future conditions.

**Wilmington, Basin Biological Opinion**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) completed a consultation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration and the Bureau of Reclamation (BUREAU OF RECLAMATION) on July 11, 2004 on the impact of the Willamette River Basin Project on species listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. NMFS found that the Action Agencies Proposed Action alone was not sufficient to avoid jeopardy or adverse modification of critical habitat for two species: Upper Willamette River Chinook salmon and the Upper Willamette River steelhead, and would destroy or adversely modify their critical habitat. As a result, NMFS provided additional measures to mitigate for the project effects. These measures include fish passage at three dams, temperature control downstream of another dam, changes in downstream flows, streaming of irrigation diversions, improved hatchery practices and facilities and habitat improvement projects. NMFS concludes that with the additional measures and measures, combined with the Proposed Action, the Willamette Project could be operated and maintained without threatening the continued existence of the two Upper Willamette River salmonid species or destroying their critical habitat. NMFS' decision means that the species should survive, with an adequate potential for the species recovery.

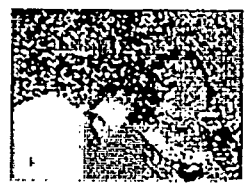


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**Agriculture Report**

Greetings Grangers! Hope everyone is having a great summer. First of all the Ag Tour for State Grange was great. A big thank you to Keith Cobin for all his work in putting this together. We got back from State Grange Session and Vernon was on a tractor within a half hour. We got to the main of berry harvest (highly juicy and corn and other vegetables coming soon). We are preparing for Ag Day at the Log Cabin at the State Fair on August 26, Tuesday. Anyone wanting to help please let us know. It's always a fun day of seeing people know about the Grange.

We'll get back to planning meeting for our Grange booth at the Lane County Fair. So there is always something going on. We hosted the Small Farm Forest Association for their annual meet at our farm. Thankfully the weather cooled down a bit and they had a pleasant time. Guess that's about all for time. Freely, Vernon and Paula Herick OSG Agriculture Director



**COMMUNITY SERVICE CODIRECTORS**

To make and Kenneth Phillips joined the Willamette Valley Grange #240, Josephine County, in 1981. Steve Ferrone was served as Master, while, Larry Assistant Secretary and was the Oregon State Grange Code Development Committee for two years. Robert Kenda has led the Josephine

Willamette Grange as Master for the 1990s and also served as Willamette Valley Master, Governor, Lecturer, Assistant Secretary and Cashier. He directed the OSG Energy and Community Service Experiment. He has served as chairperson on various committees. It was a privilege to be the Grange and what I can do for individuals, families and our communities.



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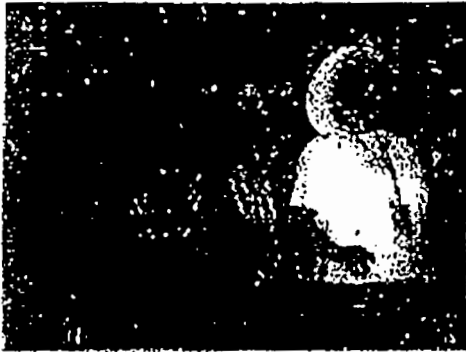


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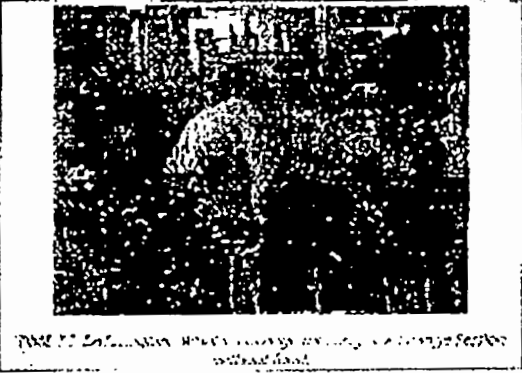


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neutralized. Convention went so well that a profit of \$4500.00 was realized. The Convention saw 105 Granges represented, that is nearly 80% of all Granges in California had a voice at Convention. There were 248 guests and 184 delegates of which 39 were there for the first time. The Convention Steering Committee that performed so well this year has been charged with formulating a guideline for future conventions. The co-chairs of the Committee, Buzz Chernoff and Dale Baker, have agreed to help host future hosts with their planning. Tentatively, the 2010 Convention will take place in Mc Hamilton Grange Hall in San Jose. Dates are also tentative at this time but October 13th through 17th is the most likely window.

For the first time in many years, the delegates also voted in a nearly all vote leadership management team. Elected Master was Bob McFarland, who has served the CSG as Executive Committee member, PG and Membership Director for the past few years. Mark Stiefened was re-elected as Overseer, and

Larry Kroger, Shirley Baker, Jon Favuss and Leo Bergeron were all newly elected to the Executive Committee. Ingrid Beyans, whose term was not up for election, is the only returning Executive Committee person. At the first EC meeting following the Convention, Larry Kroger was named Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Other officers elected included: Buzz Chernoff, returning for another term as Lecturer, Joseph Stefencik was returned as Secretary, Jeremy Beckman was re-elected Assistant Secretary, Stephanie Kinge was elected Lady Assistant, Stewart Barbara Geiger nee Turus as Chaplain, Marian Nichols was re-elected Treasurer, Katie Benson is the new State Secretary, Bob Alvarez was elected Gatekeeper, Nancy Alvarez is Caretaker, Maria Kroger is Flora, Lauren Nichols is Pomona and Ryan Schobel was elected Missionary.

National Master Edward Linnell was the National Grange representative to our Convention. His address to the delegates had as its theme the protection of the Grange. From individual Granges and Grangers who chose not to abide by the laws of the Grange, to businesses and entrepreneurs who infringe on the trademarks and the name of the Grange in their commercial endeavors, the Grange will protect its rights. The National Grange is diligently working to enforce the copyright laws. Tyson Foods, for example, dropped its plans to use the name "Grange" in one of its product lines. Here in Sacramento, the Grange Restaurant has signed a licensing agreement to use the name, for which it pays a fee and agrees to give a Grange member a break on the bill. Linnell said the licensing agreement solution is working out well throughout the country. The National Grange is also seeking special legislation in Congress that will protect its name in the US.

that the by-laws of the individual Community Grange need not be changed each time there is a change of dues amounts from the National or State Grange. Grangers may now simply say that their local dues will be XXX amount over the dues set in State and National.

The Delegates also approved a new membership program that allows individuals to join the Grange via the Internet through National Grange. Individuals may join by filling out the application on-line and sending it to the National Grange. The dues for the membership will be \$10.00, with \$3.00 remaining with the National Grange, and \$6.50 being sent to the State Grange. Dues collected from this program shall be allocated for membership services, such as revitalization and organization of Community Granges.

Persons joining the Grange online (they will not be allowed to vote or participate in National Grange sponsored events) until they become a member of a Community Grange. However, these members will be furnished with information and benefits and encouraged to join a Community Grange near them.

While this membership category was approved by California, the National Delegates, after much discussion, rejected the plan. They effectively kept California from implementing a membership program as one membership rules must comply with National Grange rules. According to the delegates, Doug McFarland, they appeared to be some misconceptions among the national delegates that members joining in this category would have equal privileges with members who have paid full dues (by Subordinate Grange Proprietors of this resolution have stated that they will attempt to pass this measure in the future).

Although the Executive Committee will have the final say on Convention dates after studying needs and the ability to meet those needs, the date of the 2010 Convention was selected as Mc Hamilton Grange in Santa Clara County, and the 2011 Convention at Palermo Grange in Butte County. Convention dates for 2010 pay 16th and 17th Oct. 2010, 13 - 17, Please watch these pages and our website for updates on both dates and location. If you have specific questions, please contact your Grange's delegate to the Convention, or send an email to info@californiagrangecan.org. The State Office will attempt to answer your questions and address your concerns.

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Brother Ed spoke to this nature of the Grange, "We are a national organization with local focus," he said. He reminded the delegates that they were here to do the work of the Grange, not just the State Grange, but for the good of the entire Order. He reminded us that a small dose may make one better or more powerful, if fulfilling, it simply adds to your responsibility. In essence, we may have event dates, but only one Grange.

Discussion on whether the State Grange would support the creation of the State of Jefferson has been in Northern California and Southern Oregon has failed when the motion was tabled.

The CSG By-laws have been updated as



Officers for 2010 - 2011

## How did your resolution do? CSG Resolutions Passed In 2009

The following resolutions were passed at the 2009 Convention. Those marked "Nat" have been forwarded to National Grange for deliberation at their Convention in November. The resolution number line will show the action taken by the National Delegates. The Resolution Committees were:

AG	Agriculture
C&EA	Conservation and Environmental Affairs
E	Education
FA	Foreign Affairs
GA	Grange Activities
GL	Grange Law
H	Health
L&J	Labor and Judiciary
PP	Public Policy
TAX	Taxes and Fiscal Affairs
TR	Transportation
W	Water

These committees will continue to work with resolutions and issues received throughout the year. The Chair of each committee comprises the Legislative Committee chaired by our Government Affairs Director and is charged with determining actions to be taken by our advocates with the appropriate government agencies and/or the Legislature. In accordance with policy set by delegates this year, the action being taken on these resolutions is also being included after each one.

### AGRICULTURE

09-036-AG – Nat. *Rejected as current National Grange policy.*  
Title: Local Farmland Preservation and Food Security

Proposed By: Chico Grange #486

*Whereas:* The Grange is historically among the foremost supporters of public policies and local practices to protect local agricultural land, family farms, small growers and agricultural processing facilities from development, corporate takeovers, or other threats to continued productivity; and

*Whereas:* The Grange has shifted much of its attention to other activities in recent decades; and

*Whereas:* Industrial agriculture has come to dominate food production, replacing most family farms, which have declined to a fraction of their historic levels and continue to decline; and

*Whereas:* Consumers have been heavily dependent on industrial agriculture and food products grown, produced, and shipped from great distances, which raises costs and often reduces quality; therefore be it

*Resolved:* That the CSG and the National Grange reaffirms its primary mission: to support local small scale and family farms as an essential mainstay of local economies and food security, including support for farmers markets, farmland preservation, community gardens, and gardening & food education programs at Grange halls and in Grange communities.

*Action:* The CSG has embraced this primary mission and promoted these goals. A new committee has been formed to develop programs in support of this mission statement.

### CONSERVATION

09-004-C&EA – Nat. *Withdrawn.*

Title: Forest Fire Management

Proposed By: Mc Cloud Grange #831

*Whereas:* Prior to the arrival of settlers to western states from other areas, native Americans allowed forest fires to burn themselves out, thus clearing the forest floor of dead tree growth, some underbrush and other debris; and

*Whereas:* In recent years a great deal of money has been spent and lives lost fighting forest fires in areas where no dwellings are threatened and as currently budget restrictions will reduce the number of fire fighters available; therefore be it

*Resolved:* That the CSG and the National Grange support letting forest fires burn themselves out, except in areas where structures are threatened.

*Action:* A letter is being drafted to be mailed to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) and other parties of interest. The author of the resolution will be contacted to assist in writing the draft.

09-047-C&EA – Nat. *Rejected as current National Grange policy.*

Title: Utilize Newly Discovered Oil Reserves In America

Proposed By: Gazette Grange #380

*Whereas:* The largest oil discovery since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay occurred in April 2008 and located in North Dakota, western South Dakota and eastern Montana in the section known as the Williston Basin usually referred to as the "Bakken;" and

*Whereas:* The U.S. Geological Service says there is enough crude oil to meet America's needs for nearly half a century; and

*Whereas:* Conscientious environmentalists and verbal members of our major political parties have blocked efforts that could see America independent of foreign oil; therefore be it

*Resolved:* That the CSG and the National Grange support geological studies that lead to environmentally safe methods to make use of the newly discovered oil reserves in the Dakotas and Montana until America is no longer dependent on foreign oil and until our nation can be

free of dependence on fossil fuel reserves.

*Action:* The author of the resolution will be contacted to assist in drafting a letter to be mailed to interested parties.

09-050 – C&EA

Title: Eliminate Catch and Release Trout Streams

Proposed By: Mc Cloud Grange #831

*Whereas:* In much of California, many formerly enjoyed trout streams have become catch and release exclusively; and

*Whereas:* In this time of economic crisis, a couple of trout could help nourish many underemployed or unemployed families; and

*Whereas:* Many formerly busy mountain resorts are now inactive and have reduced staff as a result of remote streams being off limits to most fishermen; therefore be it

*Resolved:* That the CSG strongly support the resolution adopted in 2006 and further mandate that no streams or lakes in California be designated catch and release only; and be it further

*Resolved:* Those fishermen who are fishing on streams and lakes now be allowed to keep two fish per day except for salmon that may be in mountain streams.

*Action:* A letter is being drafted to be mailed to the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and other parties of interest. The author of the resolution will be contacted to assist in writing the draft.

09-059 C&EA

Title: Regulations Pertaining To Inspection Of Septic Systems

Proposed By: Marshall Grange #451

*Whereas:* The State of California imposes regulations to protect the water quality of the State's waters; and

*Whereas:* Such regulations can have a significant cost to people living in rural area of the State with onsite wastewater treatment systems (septic systems); and

*Whereas:* The State of California has a diversified geology that defies a "one size fits all" regulation. Therefore be it

*Resolved:* That the CSG actively encourage State Legislators and Regulatory bodies to use a tiered approach when proposing regulations regarding onsite domestic wastewater treatment systems (septic systems) that takes into consideration the risk of the system impacting the ground water in the area, with the determination of low, median and high risk being under local authority control to include the setting of fees, be it county, regional or some other entity that has knowledge of the local conditions.

*Action:* Government Affairs Director Mike Green is drafting a letter to be mailed to interested parties, assisted by Lecturer Buzz Chernoff.

09-071 C&EA Nat - *Withdrawn*

Title: Opposition To The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA), North Coast Region Process

Proposed By: Conservation & Environmental Affairs

*Whereas:* The North Coast Marine Protection Act process is not responsive to the serious legal, economic and public participation concerns express to the Resources Director by Humboldt, Del Norte, and Mendocino Counties and

*Whereas:* The economic study done by Eco Trust stops at the dock and does not adequately address sport fishing or the true economic impacts to the counties as a whole,

*Whereas:* The MLPA provides no water quality protections, addresses no environmental concerns, is not science based and provides no additional marine habitat protections to the north coast region and,

*Whereas:* The MLPA will negatively impact fishermen economically, endanger them by increasing travel times, increasing fuel costs and carbon footprint and

*Whereas:* The California State Game Warden's Association opposes the MLPA due to lack of \$60 million dollars annual funding for maintenance, monitoring and enforcement and,

*Whereas:* The north coast region with less than 110 fishable days a year is the world leader in proactive fisheries and near shore habitat management. Near shore fish stocks are healthy and current management practices and regulations make it impossible for any species to be overfished; therefore, be it

*Resolved:* The California State Grange and the National Grange support Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino Counties in opposing the current Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) initiative process in the north coast region so long as it remains unresponsive to local concerns.

*Action:* A letter is being drafted to be mailed to parties of interest. The author of the resolution will be contacted to assist in writing the draft.

### EDUCATION

09-038 – E

Title: Need For More Doctors

Proposed By: Kings County Pomona #28

*Whereas:* There is a shortage of physicians in the San Joaquin Valley; and

*Whereas:* Physicians who finish their residency usually work near where they finished the training; and

*Whereas:* There are 51% fewer primary care physicians and 51% fewer specialists practicing in the San Joaquin Valley area. Our areas is growing, the problem will only get worse; and

*Whereas:* Medical schools enrollment is growing and UC Merced is wants to focus on improving the health of the Valley. Therefore be it

*Resolved:* The CSG supports the continued planning and development of a medical school at UC Merced.

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**Heritage Room:** We are not just stewards of the future. We are stewards of our past. Preserving and celebrating our 140-year history is a fundamental duty.  
 The office next to the reception area at the headquarters is being transformed into our Heritage Room. The Heritage Room will display much of the fascinating history of our organization including replicas, historical documents and a collection of interesting photos from our past.  
 The Heritage Room will also serve as a workspace and resource library for members. Our staff (and since we spend so much of our members' money renovating Veterans Hall to be the new State Grange offices, it is only right that the members should have a room).

The Heritage Room will be equipped with a desk computer with internet access and printer, and a collection of reference books and media. The room is available for use by Grange members during office hours.  
 The Heritage Room is a project under the supervision of our own Resource Specialist from Bayshore Grange, Jack Surman, assisted by Resource Specialist Leah Packer of Oroville Grange.

As Resource Specialist, Leah will share her wisdom with Grange leaders special assistance growing community partnerships and exploring sources of grant funding. Health Director Leah Packer will provide information and program to promote senior and family health. Both Leah and I can be available to answer your questions.  
 Maria Singer of the Danville Grange has been appointed as our new Youth Director. Maria will work with Youth Advisors Bill & Patsy Albertson of Bennett Valley Grange, direct our Danville Youth Day Director, and our Youth Committee to unity and revitalize our state-wide program.

**Abundance of Talent:** We are fortunate to have many talented and imaginative Grange leaders guiding us and providing us with opportunities to make a difference in our communities Granges and at the State level. Two such leaders are Government Affairs Director Mike Erbe and Legislative Buzz Chernoff. We can hardly wait to see what they have in store for us in 2010.  
**Improvements:** There have been many positive changes in the way we do business at the California State Grange that will make us more efficient, productive and member-friendly.

Executive Committee meetings will be accessible to all members, with the exception of Executive Sessions when specific employee or legal issues require privacy. Executive Committee meetings will be broadcasted in advance, except for emergency sessions.

Bookkeeper Amy Self from Orangevale Grange has accepted the position of General Manager, supervising our office staff and directing day-to-day operations; Amy will have direct contact with the Executive Committee, providing them reports to assist in information they need to fulfill their fiduciary responsibility. The Executive Committee will re-

view the business affairs of the organization. This arrangement will allow the Master to focus on internal affairs and promote the Grange.

Newly elected State Secretary Keri Benson, has rejoined our staff and is making great progress bringing our membership records up to date. Keri DeGraff continues in our receptionist and assistant. Both Keri and Keri are members of the Orangevale Grange.

The venerable Jay Hartz from Elk Grove Grange has been appointed as our Public Relations Director and will continue as the Managing Editor of the Grange News. For 2010, Jay is exploring innovative concepts and formats for the newsletter under the guidance of a lighter budget. We celebrate Jay Hartz's 30th year of his published services to the California State Grange.

A State Grange Good of the Order Committee has been formed to provide a liaison between Granges and between Granges and the California State Grange. The GOTO Committee will provide an impartial forum for Grangers to air their differences and allow for a more amicable solution. Working to do so, the committee may make recommendations to the Master.

An honest Granger beyond reproach was needed to chair the GOTO Committee and was found that person in Rich Davis from the Arcadia Grange. The services of the GOTO Committee are available at your request.

**Membership Growth:** In 2002, we had 14,891 members. That year through 2008, our total was 8500. That represents a membership loss of 6114 in seven years. During the same period, we added 21,500 Grangers. In 2009, we will shed a net loss of approximately 300 members for the year.

I don't take reference to realize that if this trend continues at this point in the not too distant future there will be a Grange in California. In this year's general election, we need to push to expand our own participation.

Every one of us shares this responsibility. Every one of us participates in our success or failure. A logical every program has projected we are on the State level to our smallest subordinate Grange; must have membership growth as a goal.

Our Grange leaders will not build a goal to accommodate everyone's people. They build their goals to welcome everyone. And as they rolled up their sleeves and worked together, so must we roll up our sleeves and work together to build our membership, ensure our future, and accept the important roles we play in our communities.

In 2009, we ask every Granger to participate in growing membership with a program we called One By One. It simply challenges each and every Granger to bring in just one new member over the year. The One By One program will continue in 2010.

All of our directors, officers, leaders, ambassadors, deputies and staff will be charged with growing our membership this year. But we can't do it without you. You know a friend, a neighbor, a family member or fellow worker, or someone that you can invite to join your Grange.

Visiting Granges. When you are able to travel and visit Granges across our state, you begin to appreciate the individual character of each Grange and the unique footprint they leave in their communities. You begin to connect the dots between Granges and realize that we are not isolated, that we have much in common. It is particularly exciting when you find Granges working together, sharing resources and ideas, and supporting one another.  
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The California State Grange and its contribution to our members.

You've elected a new Executive Committee that represents a fair balance of experience and new ideas. We promise to exercise fiscal responsibility, provide accountability, and transparency in our affairs. Grange members will benefit and receive the respect of the California State Grange and its contribution to our members.

We are a busy, busy organization. Our inspiration grows from the ground up. Our success is measured by the prosperity of our Sacramento citizens but by the good work we do in our Grange halls and communities. Our pride does not come from a personal highlight but springs from the collective effort of dedicated and hard working individuals.

Together, we will meet the challenges before us. Our new leadership understands three years of fiscal spending, decades of declining membership and the need to create a full and following in our organizations.  
 There is much to be done in the months ahead. Believe that the spirit of the Grange is in our hands and the generation of Grangers. We must correct the spiraling loss of membership. We must put our best efforts into our halls and communities. We must be totally and financially responsible. We must respect, encourage and care for one another.  
 The work has begun. We've put into place new programs and policies that will strengthen our organization. There are not as many jobs as there used to be. A collection of best practices, contributed by members just like you.

**Ambassador Program:** This coming year, we will roll out our new Ambassador Program. California is a big state. Our Ambassador Team will put more "boots on the ground" building stronger partnerships with our community Granges. Ambassadors will have a different mission than Deputies. The Ambassador's primary goal will be to spread good will and assist Granges with membership growth and community programs. Dale Baker from the Orangevale Grange will lead our Ambassador Team.  
**Continual Education:** To work together and share ideas, we need to be connected. It is imperative that we develop clear lines of communication.  
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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIGEST

In accordance with O-24-89, the following summarizes the actions taken by the Executive Committee of the California State Grange at the meeting(s) indicated.

Saturday December 5, 2009

Chairman Larry Kruger called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Roll call of officers: Master Bob McFarland; Chairman Larry Kruger; Executive Committee: Shirley Baker, Len Bergman, Inger Devana, Jill Livness, Manha Sotolongo; Secretary: Kalle Peterson. Guests in attendance were: Mike Green, Larry Lozano, Chen Bonaker, Sylvia Sloan, Rich Spier, Linda McClellan, Bob and Nancy Alvarez, and Richard Jones.

Bob Alvarez led the prayer of all in his name. Chen Bonaker gave a blessing.

Approval of Agenda: Point #1 was read because Amy Spier was not present due to illness. Bergman moved to approve agenda as amended. McFarland second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bridge loan: Bergman reported on how the bridge loan from 10/18/09 to 1/6/2009, 1/16/2009, and 3/11/2009. McFarland second. All in favor. Motion carried.

October 22, 2009 Meeting was called to discuss a legal matter. All were present.

Financials: Devana reports on all financial matters.

Winter in Hall: Devana reports on the winter in paymaster due to the recent management. Some of the in paymaster have paid back and back pay in the same and paid in back pay. Bergman would like to see this paid down as quickly as possible. Discussion of how to proceed.

Baker moved to table discussion of each retirement schedule. McFarland second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bridge loan: Bergman reported on how the bridge loan from 10/18/09 to 1/6/2009, 1/16/2009, and 3/11/2009. McFarland second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Baker moved to second table to June 30, 2010. Lozano second. In favor. Baker Bergman, Inger Devana, Manha Sotolongo, Manha Sotolongo, Manha Sotolongo, Manha Sotolongo.

Discussion of the possibility of a financial audit. McFarland moved to create a financial audit committee. Baker second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee appointed was: Manha Sotolongo, Inger Devana, Shirley Baker, Linda McClellan, Bob and Nancy Alvarez.

Master's report: McFarland reported on the website, the Orange News, National Con-

vention, resolution, Heritage Room. Susan Cozart from Bayliss Grange has experienced with preserving historical documents. She is looking for grant proposals to help us preserve our documents. Proposed the next Executive Committee meeting to different places around the State to help with outreach to our members. Rich Spier is the head of the Good of the Order Committee. This committee will help with the Bayliss Heritage Room.

Amalgamation Program: Spier has a plan to 10 areas that would be easy to do in five days. Differences from the deputy's duties. Amalgamation will be a good will force. Helping to build membership. Help the Orange Open House. Dale Baker is the team leader. This is coming from the Public Relations Office to help pay for expenses to visit the Granges, at \$50 per Grange that is visited.

Bergman moved to implement and fund the amalgamation program from the Public Relations Office. McFarland second. All in favor. Motion carried.

McFarland advised the Executive Committee of the progress of Mike Green and the legal bill program. McFarland proposes to return \$100 to the legal bill program's budget.

McFarland proposed to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Baker reported the Committee on the preparation for the 2011 Convention. The Baker and the members who helped with the 2009 convention for the leading of a group to 1000 in January to work with them. Discussion of the availability of convention 1/4/2010.

Baker moved to have Convention on the 19th of October 2010 at 1:00 and 4:00 through the 11th. McFarland second. Discussion of the availability of convention 1/4/2010.

McFarland moved to create a financial audit committee. Baker second. All in favor. Motion carried. McFarland moved to create a financial audit committee. Baker second. All in favor. Motion carried. McFarland moved to create a financial audit committee. Baker second. All in favor. Motion carried.

to the well still remain. Bergman second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bergman moved to remove all attention of the Grange from the property after the sale of the property. Baker second. All in favor. Motion carried.

McFarland moved that the sale agreement have an acceptance window of 3 days and expiry dates 30 days after acceptance of the agreement. Baker second. All in favor. Motion carried.

McFarland invited Larry Lozano from American Heritage Land to plan the backfill of the All program offered to our members.

Bergman moved to allow the All letter to go out to all the members with information of the Orange News. Bergman second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Property Reports: Bob Colson reported to the Executive Committee on the Property Reports about the properties. Reported by Howard Shober, Dale Baker and Bob Olinde, the committee goes around the state and evaluates State managed Granges. They will then report back to the Executive Committee with a report.

to do what to do now.

Other Grange Properties: Dalm: Email meeting established the sale of the Grange.

Welcome Grange: Requested \$1,500 from their asset management account to take their water system back in funds. Now a second request has been received to repair their roof. Lozano moved to release the remainder of Welcome Grange's asset management account for the repair of their roof. McFarland second.

All in favor, opposition motion carried. Pleasant Hill Grange: The CSO had filed a claim for residential funds for Pleasant Hill Grange. We're waiting. Now the State is waiting. They don't have the file. Larry will see the CA State Controller's office why.

Pleasant Grange: Power has been that we are trying to reclaim. Larry needs some additional paperwork before he can talk to the State Controller's office. When he was talking with Pleasant Grange Credit Union, they had a meeting with Pleasant Grange. They had some remaining accounts and they were all inactive.

Roeding Grange: may also have some. (Continued on Page 6)

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funds that we should try to acquire. Healthburg Grange is currently closed and their corporate status is suspended. The hall is currently being occupied by a dance studio. There is no Grange signage on the building. The property also has two titles: Pursuing getting California State Grange on the title for the Healthburg Grange. Kruger suggests that all the property management Granges have the California State Grange on the title. West Visalia - Discussion in the debt against the West Visalia Hall.

McFarland moved that the West Visalia Grange hall be leased to the West Visalia Grange under a triple net lease for 51 year, the CA State Grange will own the property and will be named as an additional owner. The CA State Grange will get on stay on the title until the debt is retired in favor of Baker, Bergeron, Bevans, Kruger, McFarland, Opposed: Luvaas, Stephen, Martin Carried.

Costa Mesa - requested \$7,500 from their asset management account for a scholarship fund.

Bergeron moved to give them up to \$5,000 from their asset management fund for their scholarship fund as per our current policy. Stephen second. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion of streamlining resolutions to facilitate reaching through lists and ways talking to make it reducing duplication.

Kruger is working on the executive com-

mittee website. Income - Renting the conference room in parking spots was discussed as a possible source of income.

Suggest days in January for a volunteer clean up day. Job was decided.

Meeting Dates Set  
 Sunday January 31, 2010 is the next meeting at 9:00 am.  
 Sunday March 23, 2010  
 Sunday May 16, 2010

### Welcome Back Vista Grange

It is with great pleasure that I announce a settlement has been reached between Vista Grange and the California State Grange.

Vista Grange and all of its members have been reinstated into our Grange family.

Let all of us welcome back our Brothers and Sisters, our circle is once again joined in the name of fraternal friendship.

Bob McFarland

## They Said It Couldn't Be Done

by Buzz Chernoff

We said we were going to go back to our roots and we did. For the first time in anyone's memory, the CSG Annual Convention was held in a Grange Hall. What a concept, holding the convention in a Grange hall that is familiar to all of us and where we all feel comfortable. We did Grange things like setting up and taking down tables and chairs for hand food dinner, eating together, talking and getting to know each other, having fun in work and play. We were a group of Grangers from across the state being Grangers in a Grange Hall. We were back to our roots.

This was the dream of the Annual Meeting Local Steering Committee when it first met in April. It was our goal to help those conveners that would be fun, informative, and affordable to all members of a minimal cost to the CSG. List of the conveners (Susan) Lois Giamell, Dale and Shirley Baker, Bob Cloiss, Bill Thomas, Amy Self, Bob McFarland, Linda MacCracken, Jay Hank, Roger Berens) were assigned an area of tasks that needed to be done to have a successful convention.

We were fortunate to have the Rancho Cordova Culinary Institute to prepare the meals for a price well below what you would pay at a restaurant. And, the food was better.


The Orangevale Grange kindly provided their time and money to renovate a space to hold the Expo and Production Office. Directors of the different departments were contacted regarding their needs for things like the lunch Grange Silent Auction, OVA Basket Raffle, and Department work. All requests were made to get ahead and prepared. Sponsor, donors, and

foods, and a million other fine details. As the time to the convention got closer, the committee knew that it was playing new ground and that the outcome would either be an overwhelming success and the start of a new tradition, or an abject disaster. Attempts were made to contact and talk with each Community Grange Master and encourage them to come, or if not possible, to send alternative delegates. The different housing options from staying in a hotel to camping at the Grange were offered along with the reasonably priced motel ticket.

To help offset the cost of putting on the convention, each Grange was asked if they would like to sponsor in part the convention ticket and have their Grange listed as a sponsor on the back of each t-shirt.

By the time the convention started, we knew that we were on the right track. The response from the Community Granges was incredibly positive and folks who had never attended a convention or who hadn't in many years were registering. At the opening of the Session we had the largest turnout in recent CSG history. By the close of the Session, we knew that our goal of keeping the cost as minimal had been met and that history had been made.

The Local Steering Committee has many people to thank for the success of the meeting. It would be impossible to recognize each one individually. And maybe that's the way it should be. It was a true Grange event, where everyone pitched in and volunteered to be done, and had a great time doing it. You were all part of CSG history, and together we did it.  
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### 2009 Resolutions Call For Accountability

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Action: The author of the resolution will be contacted for direction.

#### GRANGE ACTIVITIES

09-002-GA

Title: Support For Re-Organized Granges

Proposed By: Monterey Peninsula #17

Whereas: It is extremely difficult for a group of new members to accept the old debt of a dormant Grange in the process of reorganization; and

Whereas: The purpose of holding funds in trust for surrendered Granges was meant for the reorganization of such Granges; and

Whereas: Reverted funds held in the CSO Asset Management Account should then be used to insure the revitalization of newly reorganized Granges; therefore, be it

Resolved: That reverted funds from the CSO Asset Management Account be first applied to any debt of a newly reorganized Grange (debt outstanding as listed on the Accounts Receivable) beginning October 2009 and the balance of reverted funds to be held in the Grange Hall Loan Fund until needed.

Action: This resolution is now policy and the Executive Committee will submit the report back to funds reverted since adoption of this Resolution.

09-029-GA

Title: Acting Upon Resolutions, Motions & Policy

Proposed By: Sacramento Fountains #2

Whereas: It is the responsibility of the leadership of the CSO to ensure that resolutions, motions and policy adopted by the delegates are carried out; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Master and/or Executive Committee shall not open all resolutions, motions and policy until 120 days of being adopted by the delegates, unless the original motion or policy was otherwise, or circumstances beyond the control of the Grange prevent such action. The Master and/or Executive Committee will report quarterly to the Grange News and on the website the disposition and action of said policy, motions or motions available.

Resolved: The Legislative Director or the Executive Committee update the Grange's Legislative Policy Handbook each year and make it available to all delegates and mail it to the Grange by July 1st of the following year. Annual Convention.

Action: For this date, the resolution is being compiled with the website is currently being redesigned to include this report. Government Affairs Director Mike Greene has been assigned to include this report. Government Affairs Director Mike Greene has been assigned to include the Legislative Policy Handbook, assisted by Karen Heston and Johnny Squire.

09-039-GA

Title: Disaster Emergency Preparedness

Proposed By: Freshwater Grange #199

Whereas: The need for disaster planning and emergency preparedness is imminent to every Grange; therefore, be it

Resolved: Granges can play an important role in coordinating such planning and preparedness in their communities; and

Whereas: The Freshwater Grange has been successful in providing vital life support equipment school, in holding Red Cross disaster training workshops for the community, in implementing a neighborhood survey for disaster preparedness; therefore, be it

### Memo From The Master

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Other: In 2010, I look forward to continuing my travels visiting as many Granges as I can. If you have a special event coming up, I'd love to receive an invitation. The Grange plays an important role in our lives. We take pride in our past and see promise in our future. With friendship and

in harmony, with imagination and enthusiasm, we will persevere, delivering a brighter future to generations of Grangers yet to come. One of the best things about being a Granger is that we get to work and play together. If you are not having fun, something is wrong. My door is always open. Your thoughts are always welcomed.

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### 2010 State Grange Events

Month	Time	Event	Location
January 31	9:00am	Executive Committee Meeting	State Grange Office
February	9:00am	Newly Organized Granges Meeting	Durham, NC
February 20	9:00am	Central District Deputies Meeting	American River Grange
March 21	9:00am	Executive Committee Meeting	State Grange Office
May 18	9:00am	Executive Committee Meeting	State Grange Office
July 21-28		Family Camp	Camp Tahara

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Conventions resolution committee rooms were spacious and open to all who wished to weigh in on the issues. The Committee in the foreground is the Water Committee.

## Resolutions Amend By-Laws, Set Grange Policy and Activities

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surrounding area, and has acquired through a grant a large storage container for school and community supplies in preparation and planning services. Therefore be it:

**Resolved:** That the CSG encourage all Granges to implement community disaster emergency preparedness plans when possible.

**Action:** Newly appointed Resource Specialist Jack Surman, Governance Affairs Director Mike Green, and Health Director Craig Parker, have been working on a project to fulfill the purpose of this resolution.

09-074 - GA

Title: EC Authority To Handle Vista Grange Issues

Proposed By: Grange Activities Committee

**Whereas:** There has been much discussion with regard to the Vista Grange lawsuit, and it is clear that this is an important issue that must be addressed, therefore be it:

**Resolved:** That the CSG Executive Committee be granted full and wide authority to resolve the Vista Grange issue.

**Action:** The Vista Grange issue has been resolved by the Executive Committee.

09-075 - GA

Title: State Grange Audit

Proposed By: Grange Activities Committee

**Whereas:** An audit of the CSG finances is an important part of the accounting system, and it is clear that the Executive Committee needs to be responsible for this, therefore be it:

**Resolved:** The California State Grange conduct a financial audit at least every two years. **Action:** An audit will be conducted next year.

### GRANGE LAWS

09-013R - CL

Title: Amend CSG By-Laws Article XXV

Proposed By: Monterey Pomona #17

**Whereas:** Resolution 02-018 was meant to eliminate the need to amend Subordinate By-Laws every time the State Grange per capita amount is increased, and **Whereas:** Local Subordinate dues need not be changed each time the State Grange per capita is increased, therefore, be it:

**Resolved:** Local Subordinate dues may be set as a maximum amount per the amount of dues payable to the California State Grange, and be it further:

**Resolved:** That Article XXV, Section 25.3 be amended with the insertion of the word "maximum" between "the" and "amount" in the second line. The amended Section will read:

25.3 By-Laws Shall Provide for Local Dues - The By-Laws of each Subordinate Grange shall specify the maximum amount of additional dues, as provided for in Article X, Section 10.2, that are necessary for the operation of the respective Grange, and be it further:

**Resolved:** That Section 25.4 be eliminated in its entirety.

**Action:** Secretary Kull Benson will inform the membership.

09-023 - CL - Nat. - Filled

Title: E-Membership

Proposed By: CSG Executive Committee

**Whereas:** the National Grange currently has three classes of memberships: regular, associate and supportive, and

**Whereas:** a membership based upon internet access would have three primary benefits: 1st to increase awareness of the Grange to the general public, 2nd to provide a gateway into regular membership and potential new Granges, and 3rd to provide an additional revenue stream to keep regular dues affordable, therefore be it:

**Resolved:** that the National Grange Digest be amended as follows: "§ 6.14. E-Membership: Membership in the National Grange and in a State Grange as an E-Member may be attained by individuals who may have an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life. Membership is gained by completing the approved on-line form and paying the

annual dues for this class of membership.

(a) E-Members will receive all information and benefits via electronic means. The National Grange shall provide electronic publications and benefits. The State Grange shall provide similar benefits as they have available. The E-Member shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in National Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange members only.

(b) E-Membership may be terminated by the National Grange for improper conduct as a Grange member, illegal action, or conflict of interest." Remainder remainder of section.

And be it further:

**Resolved:** "4.8.2 (E) E-Members: The annual dues for E-Membership will be ten dollars (\$10.00).

1. Dues will be divided as follows: \$3.50 to the National Grange; \$6.50 to the State Grange.

2. National Grange will forward the dues collected on a quarterly basis to each respective State Grange. All E-Membership dues collected shall be allocated to membership services and activation and organization of Community Granges.

3. All transfer of dues within the Grange shall be by electronic means unless both the sender and receiver agree to other alternatives."

Remainder remainder of section. And be it further:

**Resolved:** "4.8.1 (B) Subordinate Granges - The minimum application fee for membership in a Subordinate Grange shall be three dollars (\$3.00) for an individual and six dollars (\$6.00) for a family, except that a State Grange may reduce the fee for Junior Grange members who have graduated into a Subordinate Grange, which shall be paid to the Subordinate Grange. A State Grange shall waive the application fee for E-Members joining a Subordinate Grange, and be it further:

**Resolved:** that the delegates of the California State Grange direct our State Master to request a special session of the National Grange in November of 2010 in order to expedite this By-Laws amendment this year.

**Action:** E-membership was debated at the National Grange.

09-026R - CL

Title: Amend Section 17.2 Of The Cig By-Laws

Proposed By: Monterey Pomona #17

**Resolved:** The California State Grange By-Laws, Section 17.2 be amended to read as follows:

17.2 Expenses of Members of the Order Attending Meetings of the State Grange - It shall be the policy of the The State Grange to reimburse Delegates, the State Grange Officers and certain other members of the Order for a portion of their expenses incurred in attending any meeting of the State Grange. The Executive Committee will specify the amount of expenses that will be reimbursed for the various Delegation, State Officers, State-appointed Directors, Deputies and certain others. The new section will read as follows:

17.2 Expenses of Members of the Order Attending Meetings of the State Grange - The State Grange may establish policy to reimburse the State Grange Officers and certain other members of the Order for a portion of their expenses incurred in attending any meeting of the State Grange. The Executive Committee will specify the amount of expenses that will be reimbursed for the various State Officers, State-appointed Directors, Deputies and certain others." **Action:** By-Laws are amended.

09-031R - CL

Title: Conventions Committee

Proposed By: Sacramento Pomona #2

**Whereas:** We must continue to explore means to make our Conventions more affordable, accessible and fun for all members wishing to attend, and

**Whereas:** Conventions produced and hosted by local Subordinate and Pomona Granges, such as the 2009 CCAO caucus, sufficiently meet those goals, and

**Whereas:** Conventions produced and hosted by local Subordinate and Pomona Granges celebrate our multi-ethnic diversity and grass roots traditions, and

**Whereas:** Proposals have been submitted from Subordinate and Pomona Granges to produce and host future Conventions, therefore, be it



Amy Self helps register a Granger. She, Kerl Degraw and volunteers helped delegates and visitors with registration and resale. The registration area was in the entrance foyer of the Orangeville hall. While the quarters were closed, Amy and her crew registered over 400 convention attendees, setting a record for attendance in recent times.

## Resolutions Call for Part-time Legislature, Narrow-scope Constitutional Convention

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**Resolved:** That beginning with the 2009 Convention, the Master of the CSG shall appoint a Standing Annual Meeting Committee which shall research and develop options for making future conventions affordable, accessible and fun for all members wishing to attend. The Convention Committee shall submit proposals for future conventions to the Delegates for consideration and approval at each Convention. And be it further

**Resolved:** That at each Convention, the delegates shall select by a vote from the floor the site or sites for the Convention for the following one or two years. And be it further

**Resolved:** That the Convention Committee shall, when requested and in-so-far as it is practicable, provide advice and assistance to local Granges hosting the Convention. And be it further

**Resolved:** That section 12.4 of the CSG By-Laws be changed to read:  
12.4 State Grange - The California State Grange Executive Committee shall set the date of the annual meeting, said meeting to be in the month of October and to commence on or before the 16th of the month. The place of meeting will be determined by a majority vote of the Delegate body at least one or two years in advance. Should the State Grange adjourn without selecting the place of meeting, the Executive Committee of the State Grange shall determine the place of meeting for the State Grange and notify the Secretary of the State Grange and Masters of Subordinate and Pomona Granges no later than sixty (60) days prior.

**Action:** The Convention Committee has been appointed. Sites were selected for the 2010 and 2011 conventions. The Convention Committee is working with the local Granges for the 2010 and 2011 sites.

09-034R-GI

Title: Sale Of Grange Halls

Proposed By: Sacramento Pomona #2

**Whereas:** Our Grange halls best represent our presence in a community and best provide us opportunities to support and serve our communities; and

**Whereas:** Our Grange halls provide us the best opportunity for growth and influence in our communities; and

**Whereas:** Our Grange halls best celebrate our history and significance in our communities; therefore be it

**Resolved:** That inactive Grange halls and/or real property shall not be sold except under special circumstances and after exhausting every other option, including leasing or renting the property; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the CSG form a standing Property Committee and that the duties of this committee shall include the evaluation of inactive Grange halls and properties.

**Action:** The Property Committee has been appointed and is in the process of reviewing several Grange halls.

09-048-GL-Nat. - Defeated

Title: Expand Affiliate Membership

Proposed By: Mr Cloud Grange #331

**Whereas:** Many Granges in remote areas seek affiliate members to assist that Grange in performing the regularly required duties and more effectively meet the needs of the community; and

**Whereas:** the present policy allows a member to be active in one other Orange by becoming a participating member; therefore be it

**Resolved:** The National Grange amend the NG Digest 4.6.6 that a member may be an active affiliate participating in four Granges while continuing to participate conscientiously in his/her home Grange.

**Action:** Resolution was not adopted by Nation Grange.

09-051-GI

Title: Grange Hall Loan Trust Deed And Promissory Note

Proposed By: Fresno-Madera Pomona #24

**Whereas:** The CSG currently writes a number of Grange Hall Loans, and there seems to be some confusion as to the documentation and securing of these loans; and

**Whereas:** There has been found a number of instances where "Grange Law" has been ignored; and

**Whereas:** A deed of trust simply acknowledges that there is a loan secured by a specific property and the repayment terms of the note and should be recorded in the home county of the property; and

**Whereas:** A promissory note lists the terms of the agreement and describes the security for the loan must be executed but not recorded; and

**Whereas:** Having both the recorded Deed of Trust and the executed Promissory Note on file protects the CSG as no one else can get a lien against the property superior to the CSG; and

**Whereas:** In the real estate business the saying goes, "First in time is First in line;" therefore be it

**Resolved:** All CSG "Grange Hall Loans" shall have a Deed of Trust recorded in the home county of the secured property, and an executed Promissory Note on file prior to any funds being disbursed.

**Action:** The Executive Committee will comply when loans are approved.

### HEALTH

09-072-II-Nat. Adopted.

Title: Food/Drink Product Labeling

Proposed By: Health Committee

**Whereas:** Consumers can become very sick from eating/drinking expired food products, and

**Whereas:** The expiration date stamped on food/drink products are often unreadable because the date is printed in a dark ink on a dark product background, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG and NG urge the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to change the current method of expiration labeling for food/drink products to label the date in contrasting colors, such as black in on a "light" colored product background and white ink on a "dark" colored product background.

**Action:** Adopted by National Grange who will seek regulations.

### LABOR & JUDICIARY

09-009R-L&J

Title: Reinstate "Good Samaritan" Law

Proposed By: Windsor Grange #410

**Whereas:** The California Supreme Court has ruled that any "helping hand" in an emergency can be held liable for any unsatisfactory results; and

**Whereas:** It has been a "Good Samaritan" rule in the past to do anything you can in good conscience to assist. Now that is history; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG urge our Legislature to provide a statute that gives civil protection for citizens who act in an emergency situation.

**Action:** California has adopted a "Good Samaritan" law.

09-052 - L&J

Title: California Constitutional Convention

Proposed By: Fresno-Madera Pomona #24

**Whereas:** The Constitution of the State of California was originally written in 1849; and

**Whereas:** The current Constitution was adopted in 1879 and has amended and revised over 500 times; and

**Whereas:** There are a number of proposals to call for a Constitutional Convention to address issues within the State Constitution; and

**Whereas:** There seems to be consensus that the structure of governance, campaign finance reform, term limits, budgeting, and revenue distribution are areas of concern to many people; and

**Whereas:** A full-scale rewrite of the Constitution of the State of California could be divisive and detrimental to the population of California; therefore be it

**Resolved:** The CSG shall only support the call for a California Constitutional Convention within a scope limited to reforms or revisions to: the structure of governance; campaign finance reform; term limits; budgeting; and revenue distribution. And be it further

**Resolved:** The CSG shall not support any call for a full rewrite of the Constitution of the State of California.

**Action:** The CSG shall comply with the resolution

09-053-L&J

Title: Part Time Legislature

Proposed By: Fresno-Madera Pomona #24

**Whereas:** Prior to the passage of Proposition 1-A in 1966, the Legislature of the State of California met in general session in odd-numbered years and in budget session in even-numbered years; and

**Whereas:** These general and budget sessions were limited as to duration and so the State of California had a "Part-Time" Legislature; and

**Whereas:** These Legislatures were able to consider and adopt balanced budgets in a timely manner; and

**Whereas:** There are proposals to return the California Legislature to "part-time" status, limiting the general sessions to a total of 95 days; and

**Whereas:** Not only would reverting to this previous model focus state legislators on the work of the people, and allow individuals to become "citizen legislators," it would also have the potential for saving tens of millions of dollars per year for legislative expenses. Therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG supports a return to a "Part-Time" Legislature for the State of California.

**Action:** Government Affairs Director Mike Greene will explore ways for the CSG to support this resolution.

### TAXATION

09-046 - Nat. - Current Policy

Title: Eliminate The Estate Tax

Proposed By: Gazette Grange #390

**Whereas:** The Estate Tax frequently referred to as the "Death Tax" is to be terminated in 2010 by legislation signed into law by former President George W. Bush; and

**Whereas:** According to reliable reports, President Obama has strong support for continuing the Estate Tax up to 55% of the estate value and not allow the termination of the Estate Tax in 2010; and

**Whereas:** Those with "estates" have already paid property tax, sales tax and other costs; therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG and National Grange strongly support the termination of the Estate Tax (Death Tax) in 2010 as now required by law and strongly protest any continuance of this tax.

**Action:** The author of the resolution will be contacted for direction.

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Upper Portoma, Larry Kruger and Shirley Dwyer, members of the Budget Committee, discuss a point in the annual budget presentation.

### Grange Calls For Motorcycle Speed Limits When Lane Splitting

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#### TRANSPORTATION

09-044 - TR

Title: Keep Rural Road Areas Functioning.  
Proposed By: Gazette Grange #380

Whereas: It has been feared that due to the economic reverses in California, a proposal to close many rural areas is being advanced;

Whereas: California has large expanses of rural geography and services stations are few and far apart;

Whereas: The distances between stations in the rural areas may cause hazardous driving conditions in a emergency; and

Whereas: Many rural areas are economically depressed and job training and skill through these programs is being advanced; therefore be it

Resolved: That the CSG strongly support the continued maintenance and development of highway rest areas;

Action: The author of this resolution will be contacted for direction.

09-069 - TR

Title: Motorcycle Lane Splitting Speed Limits.  
Proposed By: Transportation Committee

Whereas: California is one of the few states where it is legal for motorcycles to lane split; and

Whereas: At the present time there are no speed limit regulations for lane splitting; and

Whereas: The University of Southern California has conducted a study that shows lane splitting is safer than driving in two lanes; and

Whereas: California Highway Patrol officers endorse lane splitting because it allows them a quicker response time to emergency; and

Whereas: Many motorcycles have air cooled engines and will overheat if not cooled by flowing air; therefore be it

Resolved: That the CSG encourage the California Legislature to pass a law limiting the speed of motorcycles that are lane splitting to 5 miles per hour over the flow of traffic with a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour for motorcycles while lane splitting;

Action: Government Affairs Director Mike Green is seeking a sponsor to pursue legislative support of this resolution.

#### WATER

09-041 - W - Nat. - Withdrawn

Title: "Two Gates" Project.  
Proposed By: Fresno-Madera Portoma #24

Whereas: Much of the water transported to central and southern California for irrigation and agricultural uses is pumped from the Delta at Tracy sending the water into the San Luis Reservoir for distribution to the state and federal water projects; and

Whereas: Water pumping at Tracy has been curtailed due to concerns for the Delta Smelt, Salmon, Steelhead and other species; and

Whereas: Water contractors are receiving only about 10% of the contracted water and this has affected the economic viability of Westside Farms and communities; and

Whereas: The "Two Gates" project proposes placing two large gates on unken barges in two large channels in the central part of the delta, preventing adult Delta Smelt from being sucked into the pumps; and

Whereas: The "Two Gates" cannot only be opened and closed, but also offers the flexibility

of being moved to different locations, depending on where the fish are, thus allowing for placement adjustment to maintain water quality standards, keep desired Delta water levels, protection of fish, and providing water for contracted users; and

Whereas: This project is being studied by the California Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Therefore be it

Resolved: The CSG support the concept of the "Two Gates" project, placing two large gates on unken barges in two large channels in the central part of the delta in the Delta in order to temper the Tracy pumps and provide water for contracted users, maintain water quality standards, keep desired water levels and protect other animal species.

Action: The author of this resolution will be contacted for direction.

09-062R - W - Nat. - Withdrawn

Title: Klamath River.  
Proposed By: Baystate Grange #500

Whereas: Many agencies and community organizations have been working together to improve the use of resources in the Klamath River Basin; and

Whereas: Water quality frequently causes river and lake waters to be unusable for most or more beneficial uses; and

Whereas: A uniform calculation used to determine the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards is known as a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load); and

Whereas: The Klamath River has impaired water quality TMDLs from its access to fish, making it unusable for at least one use; therefore be it

Resolved: That the CSG and National Grange shall use their lobby to work with Legislators and Administrators to support actions by the SWRCB (State Water Resources Control Board) and the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) of water quality standards required to achieve Water Quality Management in the Klamath River to support sustainable water and resource use.

Action: The author of this resolution will be contacted for direction.

09-063 - W - Nat. - Withdrawn

Title: Recovery Capmitt Dam.  
Proposed By: Bodega Bay Grange #777

Whereas: The Klamath River ORA, which is a hot issue for Northern coastal farming communities; was the first big cut salmon hatchery on the Pacific Coast; and

Whereas: The Klamath River Capmitt Dam, triggered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) releasing of a power purchasing deals, has divided the Northern California Grange Central Chapter in favor of the Siskiyou County opposed to the removal of the dam; and

Whereas: There are four tasks on which the CSG can and should take positions: number 1) FERC Dam Removal, 2) RR Basin Restoration, 3) RR Basin Management, and 4) RR Water Quality; and

Whereas: These are state and national issues because the river crosses two states, includes a Bureau of Reclamation project, stream bed for Indian tribal lands, Federal Wildlife Refuge, Wilderness areas and forest lands; and

Whereas: Salmon fisheries are managed by state and federal agencies; and the salmon population has fallen into very serious decline; and

Whereas: The Dam removal would cost a billion dollars by the Klamath Basin Restoration project; and requires Congressional action and funding; and

Whereas: The State of California and Oregon are both equally willing to pay a share toward the costs of dam removal; and

Whereas: The Oregon Grange members recently homesteaded the CSG Executive Committee into supporting the Siskiyou County Supervisors in their opposition to removal of the Dam;

Whereas: Oregon Request: The Committee reviewed California State Grange Policy regarding the removal of dams. In addition Res 06-050 was reviewed and as all due diligence, the Committee determined that the State Grange Policy opposed dam removal and the dam advocated the dam; and there would be more chance of harm if the dams were removed. It was moved by Johnny Squire and seconded by Greg Bevan that the State Master write a letter opposing the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors in opposing the removal of dams on the Klamath River. Motion carried unanimously. FC Minutes of meeting held March 14, 2000. This action based on Resolution 99-003 - Public Safety: "That the CSG oppose all legislation and administrative regulation that would remove and/or inhibit construction of dams needed for flood protection, domestic and agricultural water supply; that the CSG actively lobby the State Legislature and other agencies using appropriate authority to protect needed dams and to allow additional dam construction when required." And

Whereas: These dams on the Klamath are hydro-electric power projects and the dam removal issue is not new. It came up when the power licenses expired as they do every 50 years. The FERC has conducted lengthy hearings and the dams are now on a year-to-year interim license status; and there are a total of 100 control projects or water supply projects. And

Whereas: The dams generate approximately 5% of the power generated by Pacific Corp. (owned by W. Buffett), and when they were built by COPCO, some "wheelbar" deals provided a discount rate for power used in the Klamath River Basin for agriculture. Also, all the dams are in Siskiyou County, with the taxes benefiting Siskiyou County. And

Whereas: These dams block salmon migration to hundreds of miles of river and tributary spawning grounds, and the waters held in the dams are breeding grounds for oxygen-depleting algae, with nutrients coming from upstream agricultural pollution; in addition they breed pathogens now blamed for the 2002 salmon kill. And

Whereas: Because FERC has said it will require fish ladders in all dams, which will cost more than these dams are worth. Pacific Corp has not agreed to pay for either fish ladders or dam removal. The U.S. Dept. of Interior has agreed to a timetable for removal of the dams in 2020.

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leaving the only issue being who will pay for its removal. And  
*Whereas*, Grangers are stewards of the land seeking to promote the proper use of the environment and natural resources; and

*Whereas*, CSG has been working on the Klamath River matter since the time of the historic Fairbanks Resolution. Last fall we had resolutions submitted in favor of removal of these dams (see 08-041) which the Water Committee asked the author to withdraw pending further study, to be brought back again this year; and

*Whereas*, The dam removal issue has been intertwined with the three other Klamath River issues (KR Restoration, KR Basin Management and KR Water Quality) to create a politically cloudy atmosphere for the resolution of any issue; and

*Whereas*, State Master Randall Lewis stated in an E-mail to David Lewis, "As far as getting Leroy Watson (National Grange Legislative Director) to formally ask (Congressman) Mike Thompson to conduct a Congressional hearing on the Klamath, prior to my approval of that request I would like to have a discussion and get all of our ducks in a row. I don't want to get the cart before the horse here and feel that if any request is to be made it must be done with a plan in place as to what we desire to accomplish." (Sent March 25, 2009). And

*Whereas*, The CSO Executive Committee on March 14, 2009 (see above) is contrary to the Clean Water Policy, which does NOT cover power dams. Therefore, BA is

*Resolved*, That should the State Master wish for the CSO Executive Committee to do it necessary that they convene a Klamath River Special Study Committee to evaluate these four issues:

- 1. Removal of the Power Dams which are currently subject to FERC Clean Water on license review and which are operating on an interim license;
- 2. Klamath River Basin Restoration which involves about 30 stakeholders including the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service, several Native American tribes, 2 States, 3 counties, many irrigation districts and the salmon fishing industry;
- 3. Klamath Basin Water Management which involves Upper Basin vs. Lower Basin issues, and should be under one Basin Management;
- 4. Klamath River Water Quality Regulation of which there currently are three

*Action:* A committee has been formed and there will be a meeting on January 30, 2010 at the home of the State Grange to study the four issues.

09-065-W.Nat. - Adopted.

Title: Klamath River Basin Restoration

Proposed By: Bologna Bay Grange #777

*Whereas*, The Klamath River runs the third largest salmon fishery on the Pacific coast; and

*Whereas*, In September of 2002, Jon Does and other quality degradation caused a fall of more than 25,000 migrating salmon and similar consequences caused a significant salmon kill in 1994-1997 and 2000; and

*Whereas*, A Draft Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement written by the Klamath Settlement Group (consisting of 26 stakeholder organizations) was released in January of 2008 setting forth short- and long-term restoration goals and river management strategies; and

*Whereas*, The Plan is incomplete and does not include input from all potential stakeholders, and does not appear to have been peer reviewed; and

*Whereas*, Under the Public Trust Doctrine, the waters of the Klamath River are owned by the state for the people in public trust; therefore be it

*Resolved*, The CSO and the National Grange shall petition the California Legislature and the National Congress to convene hearings to achieve a Klamath Basin Restoration Plan and to fund a complete stakeholder working group to produce a detailed Klamath Basin Restoration Plan to be submitted to Congress for funding;

*Action:* The author of the resolution will be contacted for direction.

09-066-W

Title: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage and Distribution

Proposed By: Clovis Sanger Grange #478

*Whereas*, California is facing both a financial and water crisis of epic proportions, it is imperative to use both our financial and water resources prudently and wisely for the benefit of the people of California and the San Joaquin Valley; and

*Whereas*, A proposal to construct a new dam on the San Joaquin River at Temperance Flat would significantly cost California taxpayers a less than billion dollars, while significantly less taxpayer money would be better spent to establish Tulare Lake as a surface/ground water storage and distribution facility for regional water stored from the Sierra Nevada Mountains; for the following advantages reasoning:

1. Store nearly twice as much water;
2. Have flexibility of draw volume during five dry and 3 casual;
3. Utilize maximum leverage of existing infrastructure;
4. Link to the California Aqueduct;
5. Not destroy clean hydroelectric generation facilities;
6. Recharge the water table;
7. Provide bi-directional and efficient movement of water;
8. Cost one-fifth as much to the taxpayer;
9. Have little adverse environmental impact;
10. Significant environmental improvements. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the CSO endorse the Tulare Basin Surface/ Groundwater Storage Conveyance Hub with river and canal intertie project feasibility study.

*Action:* The author of the resolution will be contacted for direction.

09-067-W.Nat. - Withdrawn

Title: Delta Vision Strategic Plan Framework

Proposed By: Clovis Sanger Grange #478

*Whereas*, California is facing a statewide water crisis of historic proportion. Chronic drought is affecting all people of California, as do the problems it helps create on the Bay-Delta Region. The Region's farming communities and fisheries are in near total collapse due to saltwater intrusion, levee failures, land subsidence, water transfers, massive urban wastewater discharges, and significant decline of water quality for drinking and agricultural use. And

*Whereas*, Over two-thirds of the population of California is critically dependent upon clean, abundant water that flows into and out of the Delta for municipal, agricultural and environmental uses and benefits for all Californians as a Public Trust; and

*Whereas*, The CALFED Bay-Delta Program under its Record of Decision (ROD) in 2000, and Governor Schwarzenegger's appointed Blue Ribbon Task Force's Delta Vision Strategic Plan as recently adopted as a major goal an integrated and comprehensive framework that acknowledges that the protection and enhancement of the Delta for people of California is a Public Trust must be first and foremost. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, The CSO and the National Grange take all actions and means necessary that promote the spirit and intent of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and Governor Schwarzenegger's appointed Blue Ribbon Task Force's Delta Vision Strategic Plan in the Public Trust.

*Action:* The author of the resolution will be contacted for direction.

09-070-W

Title: Can Policy On Support Of Dam Projects

Proposed By: Water Consultants

*Whereas*, There are many proposals for the construction and removal of dams on rivers; and

*Whereas*, These dams may provide any or all of the following benefits: hydroelectric power, water-based recreation, water storage for agriculture, municipal and industrial uses, flood control, and wildlife habitat; and

*Whereas*, Construction or removal of dams may add to or reduce the extent of existing or future benefits; and

*Whereas*, No one dam project provides a solution to all uses; every dam project changes the state's flow; and

*Whereas*, The state's dam projects are in conformity with general policy to support or reject all dam projects serves no real purpose. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, The CSO shall support or oppose dam projects only on a case by case basis after application of current information;

*Action:* The author of the resolution will be contacted for direction.

09-071-W

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09-072-W

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09-073-W

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09-074-W

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*Resolved*, The CSO shall support or oppose dam projects only on a case by case basis after application of current information;

*Action:* The author of the resolution will be contacted for direction.

09-075-W

Title: Can Policy On Support Of Dam Projects

Proposed By: Water Consultants

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# Grange Women's Activities

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Where has the time gone? State Convention is going to give a report on GWA's State Convention. The busiest time of the year, but really with all of our projects and programs we are busy all year. Proof: The volunteer hours totaled in were forty seven thousand one hundred and seventy nine hours. That's a lot of hours!

A Special THANKS for the projects that were made and given to the Shiner's Hospital for children. Before I write about State Convention I am going to give a report on GWA's State Convention. There were only three State Conventions this year in the Women's Activities Department and they were in Alaska, a Well donation Society, Howard Memorial GWA Scholarship \$12,000 and Valley Farm Fund \$5,400. There was a \$30,000 donation to the Shiner's Hospital.

State Convention was great. GWA had quite a few activities going this year and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves well as getting a lot done. To start off GWA's first day we collected \$11 baskets to be raffled off, cookies to be given to the members free and selling that some had to help off at the convention. I give my annual report and we

had the Women's March collecting \$1,071.65 to go to Heart Research for Women. Gifts were received to: Randy Lewis and Linda Lewis. Friday we had our GWA Luncheon and Apron Fashion Show. The culinary class served a delicious lunch and after eating we had our apron fashion show. The men were our handsome models and with the great help of Shirley Baker, the show went on. It was full of fun and laughter. Aprons were chosen to be given to our National Grange Leader Ed Smith and Worthy Master Randy Lewis. Saturday morning was the final day of selling tickets for the drawing of the baskets and \$1,000 people women baskets. The basket brought in \$7,600 and the top has brought in \$97,000. Incidentally the top hats were made by Karen Allred with a fragrance and design on every hat. Saturday afternoon a group of a lady helped in the 2nd hour of goodness for the Harvest Festival. Sunday before the installation of officers GWA had their annual picnic with the generosity of the members and the great assistance of Betty Eyer and Joseph Steinhilber brought in \$325.00 dollars. The money was made up in a basket. I always enjoy convention meetings and meeting new ones.



Due to the large representation of youth the annual Williams attendance trophy was awarded to the youth department.

## Grange Youth Department

Margie Kruger  
Youth Director  
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I hope everyone enjoyed the new year and I am your new State Youth Director. I look forward to the coming year working with the Youth of the California State Grange. I hope to grow the ranks of the Youth Department by involving more of the youth already Grange members as well as bringing more new youth into the Grange.

I would love to introduce the new Youth Committee with whom I will be working. The new Chairperson Laura Hill left from Rosedale Grange. Vice Chairperson Joseph Steinhilber from Sebastopol Grange, and Treasurer Linda Kruger from Danville Grange. These are all amazing youth, and I am excited to start working with them to develop a great youth program. I would love to hear from youth regarding the state about what you would like to see in the Youth Program. I will be adding to the youth

for a volunteer to be on the board for the California Grange Youth Council at the well-site. Each month I am planning to feature one of our youth. If you know of someone in your Grange who deserves to be featured, please let me know.

I want to give a preview of a few of the youth programs available this year. Horripo Youth Leadership Ambassador application will be available online by January 1st and will be due by May 1st. District events will take place at the California State Grange Youth Conference. This year the State Youth Officer Team and 5th Degree Team at State Convention will be chosen through application; the final list. The State Youth Conference will be June 10-15, 2008, held at West Valley Grange. More information will be in the next Grange News.

I look forward to working with all of you this year to develop an even stronger youth program. If you have any questions, suggestions or are interested in helping out with the website, please contact me. My email is YouthActivitiesDir@californiagrango.org or you can call me at 707-365-2765.

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# Lecturer's Notes

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You know how you feel after a really good meal, full and satisfied? That's how I felt after the Annual Meeting in Orangevale. What I find to work with other Grangers pulling it on. Helping put up and take down chairs and tables and eating together was so warm and comfortable, like being at my home. Grangers. We returned to our rooms and it felt right. I hope it's the beginning of a long tradition.

Kate Spurgeon Lynch, the Crocker-King, with many good heated volunteers did a wonderful job of setting the Expo up and judging the entries. There was some concern that the space available for display might be too small, but it turned out to be perfect and all the items were well displayed. I can't think of one of the younger members who they liked because they were in your face. I'm not sure that's the description I would use, but I did like the coziness.

The Lecturer's Table Contest and Variety Show was once again one of the high points and best fun parts of the meeting.

The talent contest brought out the best in the Grange and it was beyond great. Shay Barba from the Pleasant Valley Grange hip-hop kicked himself to first place in the Youth category, and singer Tim Phillips from the Whittall Grange took second. The adult category had three contestants: Gus Ombles from the Mc Hanlon Grange, who did a marvelous impression of Elvis in the Las Vegas era, Paul West from the Whittall Grange who played guitar and sang a western song accompanied by Albert Heroldick on banjo, and Ben Schilling from the Pleasant Valley Grange who did a comic routine that had the audience in stitches. He did an impression of Jerry Lewis and his rolling on the floor. Gus took third place, Paul second, and Ben took a unanimous first.

Devotion to the Grange National Convention in Michigan to represent California at the National Lecturer's Evening of Excellence. I was told he immediately won the audience over when he opened his routine with the dead-in-impression of National Master Ed Luttrell. We're proud of you Dan.

The variety show portion of the evening was equally fun with an interesting interlude by Sharon Taylor on "What I have learned from my grandma"; music by the CSO heard in "Grangers in the Night"; a skit by the ever dynamic Barbara Geiger and Inger Bevan; a special performance by the Brewsters, a group of ladies from the Ukiah Grange who sang a hilarious tribute to the wonders of Dr. Brewer's peppermint scotch mint herbal songs by the Capay Valley Chorus; the annual singing of "Home Grown Tomatoes"; and as a grand finale, a group singing of "I'm Better Than You Think". It was a wonderful evening made possible by willing performers, appreciative audiences, and the fine food provided by Ken Dornell, Lenny Cotler, and Leroy Square.

Towards the end of the meeting, a long line Granger came up to me and suggested that we end the meeting with the Bob Dylan song "The Times they are a'changing". We didn't, but it would have been appropriate, because the times are changing for the CSG. We elected a new leadership team that will inevitably take our organization in new directions with new energies. As members we

should ask ourselves what we can do to help out in changing that direction. I'm reminded of the Stone Soup Legend which if you don't remember goes like this:

There exists a village, hounded down from times long ago, of two travelers on a pilgrimage. Hungry and tired from a long day's journey, they come to a small, impoverished village where they decide to rest by the side of the road.

One of the travelers built a small fire upon which he placed a large pot, while the other, having drawn water from the town well, filled the pot and placed into it a simple stone.

Shortly thereafter, there was heard the sound of movement as the villagers who hurried out to be quite frankly, stared at the tales of the travelers and people they had met through their journey and pilgrimage with the local villagers.

Finally, a young boy asked the travelers, "But why are you boiling a stone?" One of the travelers replied, "So we may eat stone soup." "Name the family head," said an old woman. "But I have a cabbage, which will add some flavor." And, some carrots, which will add color," said another villager. Some potatoes offered another, and, finally, by the contribution of a little by many, a hearty stew was made upon which the weary village and the weary travelers dined, and while doing so, shared their tales to eat, and compare to their own. The night.

The very next day, the travelers, who by now could be called "strangers" no more, continued their journey, leaving the little town, and the people behind. But the villagers never forgot them, and the reason they had learned in fact, during the hardest of times, to each's time as that tale, this little village thrived, because the town's folk never forgot how to make "stone soup".

Such is the legend of the "Stone Soup Story". The moral is that by working together, with everyone contributing what they can, a greater good is achieved. It's the Grange way. Until next time.

Buzz



Our State-wide talent winner from Pleasant Valley, 16 year old Ben Schilling did his song solo in front of approx 500 people at this National Evening of Excellence Talent Show and he ruckled. Many Grangers from across the country came up to offer praise following his performance, saying stuff like "He had us rolling. He'll be the next Steve Moritz." He even did an impersonation of the National Master, Ed Luttrell. He won \$100 (each of the contestants were awarded \$100). CSG Master Bob Metcalf said that Ben Schilling is under way to have his own talent community Grange in 2010. This will be a combination fund-raiser and member building program.

## Announcing The Grange Yellow Pages

The California State Grange has begun a new project to create a directory of member talents, products, and services.

The Grange Yellow Pages will list skills and talents Grange members across the state who can offer services and products to other members for no cost or at a special discount. The catalog will be made available to all members.

We have Grangers all over the state with a variety of unique talents, products and services they can offer to other members. Please contact CSG President Bob Metcalf with the Grange Yellow Pages. We can benefit and support each other, which we are the provider of the user.

It is anticipated that the Grange Yellow Pages will list a myriad of products and services, everything from legal advice to hair-bone-brain-know, training to school lessons, book-keeping, web-design, gardening, to photography. Potentially just about anything under the sun.

If you have a special skill, service or product that you would like to share or advertise in the Grange Yellow Pages, please complete and mail the form below to California State Grange, 3830 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817, or email your information to info@californiagranger.org. Remember, you must be a Grange member to qualify.

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# Chaplain's Corner

Barbara Geiger, State Chaplain  
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## The Master's Touch

Who is the artist that walks the land  
With a palette and paintbrush in his hand?  
Softly He came one stormy night,  
Tireless working till morning light.  
Woodlands and fields, the trees and green  
Transformed by His hand to an Autumn scene, the highlights  
His work with the sun's mellow rays,  
Gently discoloring the waxy morning haze.  
Above it He stretched and endless blue sky,  
Capturing vibrant shades of blue and grey.  
A perfect picture of peace for the land  
Created with love by the Master's hand.

And let your hearts be perfect,  
So that you may be perfect and  
complete in the love of  
God.  
James 1:4

I wish that everyone have a wonderful Christmas, and A Happy New Year



## California Government Affairs

MICHAEL GEIGER, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR  
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The 137th Annual Meeting was held in the National Informational Meeting of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee and the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on the subject of Delta Water Legislation.

My name is Michael Geiger, I am the Director of Government Affairs for the California State Grange.

The California State Grange is comprised of approximately 1,200 local Granges located in small towns and rural areas of California with over 7,000 members. The Grange has been successful in California public policy making since 1972 and successfully registered the 137th Annual Meeting for this month.

At that meeting, local Grange delegates helped to develop resolutions dealing with public issues including water usage and supply. Two of those resolutions relate specifically to the subject of the overall health of the Delta which has been damaged by unsustainable diversions and urban and agricultural waste water discharges.

With respect to water usage, by the adoption of the first of the two water resolutions, the California State Grange endorses the recommendations of the CAL-FED Bay-Delta Program and the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force and commits to work for their implementation as a Public Trust for all the people of California.

The California Grange believes that the recommendations of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force's Delta Vision Strategic Plan offers a comprehensive and integrated guide to solving California's unique water problems and is a management tool for managing this precious resource for water quality and quantity.

The Grange takes this position on the Delta as the primary source of water for us throughout the state and without consideration of any

proposals regarding "conveyance" of water around the Delta.

We also support the use of the Tulare Lake basin for above and below water storage. Storage should be given serious consideration as part of the Delta's solution to its water problems.

With respect to water supply, by the adoption of the second of the two water resolutions, the California State Grange commits to work for the enactment of a study of the feasibility of use of the Tulare Lake basin as a flood and grain water storage hub for the west coast.

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Use of the Tulare Lake basin for storage and production of crops with carbon footprints and incentives will improve the San Joaquin Valley toward regional self-sufficiency by reducing the west side of the Valley's dependency on Delta water.

In fact, per the first attachment, a 2007 engineering study showed that use of the Delta Lake basin for water storage would help restore the San Joaquin River hydrology to allowing water recovery and reuse potential. Additionally, per the second attachment, the Delta Vision report shows that groundwater storage and recharge use is a much more effective and efficient approach to water management on a regional basis.

In this era of fiscal, state, and local budget deficits and competing demands for finite financial resources, designing the most practical and cost-effective approaches to solving one of California's most pressing problems:

By actions taken by the local delegates to the 137th Annual Meeting this year, the California Grange commits to working for solutions in California's water supply and use problems.

Thank you



## California Grange Foundation Seeks Donations To Fulfill Its Mission



Dear California Grange Member:

Our mission for the past years has been mostly evaluating and awarding scholarships from donations made for that purpose. In addition, we have the ability to provide tax exempt status for either direct donations or funds for specific purposes, such as grants and scholarships to Community Granges.

All donations designated for scholarship fund we receive are awarded for scholarship only. We have very little in the general fund for undesigned purposes and therefore we cannot provide assistance to Community Granges or others in direct that meet our stated purposes, as described below.

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(3) To support and encourage the development of programs for community improvement.

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(5) To foster education, especially technical education among the youth of the community by means of scholarships, training programs, and public recognition of individual achievements.

(6) To encourage the exchange of information with the general public who have an interest in our community, to enable them to improve their lives and standards.

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Entered by: Patti Ann Sawyer, President, California Grange Foundation.



## Who Was The Grange Buyer' and Why Did He Buy?

The Danville Grange is working on the history of grangeing in the state, and while searching for photographs of a hay-baling outfit of a nineteenth-century date, they were referred to Lowell Ross. Lowell is the son of

John Ross, who was a hay-baling contractor from Clarkburg. Apparently, Lowell said that he took the press and crew to Nevada in the winter of 1938, 1939, and 1940 at the request of the Grange Buyer.

Well, who was the "Grange Buyer"? Pretty sure he was working for the Grange Business Organization, but was he backing the

purchase of Nevada hay for California cowboys? Or was he working for a Nevada Grange with hay in the stack he wanted to sell? And who paid the baling contractor? We would really like to know, and if anyone can find some pictures of a 5-wire press (or any hay bales) that would be wonderful!

You can contact us at: Danville Grange, 88 S. PO Box 404, Danville California 94526. Many thanks, Ross Smith, Danville Grange.



# Rx Health Matters

By Jim McDaniel  
California State Grange Health Committee Chairman

At this year's convention, there were more resolutions dealing with health than usual and during our session as Health Committee Chairman, I have signed three more. Clearly, people are becoming more health focused.

One resolution dealt with curbing the alarming increase in childhood diabetes. This problem is linked to increasing childhood obesity. As has been pointed out before, modern technology keeps children in many homes sitting a good part of the day in front of the computer or TV, often affected by playing games or watching cartoons. I see parents who use the remote or the TV to take baby-sitter or children in homes where diet is not well managed. Why eat junk food if they watch what is happening on the computer or TV?

Fortunately, children living in rural areas usually have gardening and livestock to work with, so to bring in and bring fresh produce to participate in. Parents need to make sure that all seasons of the year, their youngsters walk, hike, hike, play outdoor games and spend time in a day with their computers and TV's.

Also, parents need to be certain all schools offer regular physical education and if they have cafeteria food served should be variety of food choices with salads, vegetables and other nutrients. Turn to your nearby Grange for help.

The vaccine for the H1N1 swine flu virus is becoming available in most areas now. We should continue to observe the warning labels covering the nasal and mouth areas. Wash our eyes or hands and avoid sharing toys from others. We are now hearing warnings of the possibility of the H1N1 virus mutating into something more deadly and not controlled by the drugs now in use. We hear many reports of high death rates among some age groups, but most reports indicate that many confirmed cases do not die. We hope that the flu we are accustomed to passing each fall and winter, which causes loss of life each year.

Last week I had my final flu shot and a pneumonia shot. The pneumonia shot gave me a severe reaction causing me to be unable to stand up. I was taken by ambulance to the local ER, where my favorite doctor was on duty. Many tests were done and the friendly nurses told me several things that the sam-

ple said I did. All tests showed I was in excellent health except for a fever that lasted after the IV. By 1:30 A.M. I completed my testing and returned home where my wife and good friends helped me until the house. Next week I get my H1N1 shot.

Scabies, a microscopic insect that is transmitted person to person, is not the result of poor personal hygiene. The scabies mite only lives about 48 hours on maximum objects so we catch scabies from each other. Treatment with permethrin is effective. Permethrin has to be followed carefully. Oral hygiene also works well. All family members should be treated. Anti-scabies and lotion like Calamine control the itch. This itch often lasts for four weeks after the mite has been eradicated. It is not a sign of a need for re-treatment. I am wearing bedding and clothes in the hot cycle of the washing machine and dryer for a lot of the scabies mites.

At times scabies outbreaks have been noted recently.

A major breakthrough in the discovery was called "chronic fatigue syndrome" and is caused by a virus found in most patients with CFS.

This virus has been identified in prostate cancer and certain types of blood cancers. Traces of this virus have been found in blood samples preserved for 23 years. Doctors agree, this is associated with an autoimmune disease. We are not clear on the type of autoimmune. Most research is devoted to this matter. Doctors heading the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention caution against rushing to any conclusion based on new findings until further studies are completed. I will keep you informed.

We really make excuses when it comes to sticking with our diet and fitness goals. Rules to help you:

- 1) Don't put off anything. Firm up your diet and fitness plan and stick to it.
  - 2) You may not be used to dieting every day. Your doctor can tell you if you need to eat. Many communities have a fitness center with exercise equipment and help.
  - 3) Remember it is extremely easy for a person to be unable to lose weight and get it back on almost immediately. Like we tell the kids - get off the couch, away from the computer and follow your agenda, not someone else's.
  - 4) Eat well-planned low calorie food. Enjoy fruits, vegetables, fat free meats and if in a big hurry, a frozen low calorie dinner from the supermarket.
  - 5) Keep in mind that the most important part of your plan of proper diet and regular exercise is to improve your quality of life.
  - 6) Find hiking trails and places to enjoy the out-of-doors.
  - 7) When traveling in hot, get a micro-wave and a fridge in your room, whenever necessary.
  - 8) Get plenty of sleep. Get the TV out of your bedroom if you need to.
- All of these suggestions combine to a healthier, happier, and longer life. More sleep next time.

## California Grange Foundation Scholarship Rules and Applications Available February 1, 2010



For rules, the GGF Scholarship rules and application forms will be available on February 1, 2010. They will be available online at the Grange website, [www.californiagrangefoundation.org](http://www.californiagrangefoundation.org), via e-mail by requesting them from [info@californiagrangefoundation.org](mailto:info@californiagrangefoundation.org) or by writing to the State Grange office, 1839 U Street, Sacramento CA 95817. The number and amount of the scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the California Grange Foundation. Scholarship Application Deadline will be April 1, 2010. Winners will be notified by email when judging.

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Bennett Valley Grange Officers, circa 1955 with Secretary Ann Burow, first row, far right.

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## Master's Message

By Bob McFarland

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# What is a Granger?

Forrest Gump said, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."

And so it is with Grangers. We have our sweet buttercreams, silky caramels, dark truffles, gôdey marshmallows, and a fair assortment of fruits and nuts.

There can never be a Granger Barbie doll. There is no such thing as a Granger that fits the archetypal model of the tall, pasty-smiled, butless wonder that rides around in a pink convertible with dreamboat Ken. And as for Granger Ken doll goes... think more along the lines of Homer Simpson.

Just ask any member, "Why did you join the Grange?" You'll get a wide variety of answers, ranging from Dandy Jim McDaniel's confession that he joined eighty-some years ago "to meet babes", to young Joseph Stefanoni's declaration: "Today the Grange. Tomorrow the world!"

**Why, I even know one Granger that claims space aliens beamed her down to her first meeting.**

The point I am trying to make is that there is no such thing as a *pure bred* Granger. In our parking lots, the Chevy Suburbans are parked right next to the Toyota Prius. We've been through the woods, around the block, and up the creek. Face it, folks, *we're a bunch of mutts!*

So, if we acknowledge that we are all different, how can we expect to always see things in exactly the same light? If you truly believe that your brothers and sisters will agree with you on everything from potato salad to climate change, i.e. global warming (*see what I mean?*) then you best check into a rehab center.

Recently, I was taken aback when a sister of the order told me "Joe Blow is not welcome at our Grange meetings." She said Joe did not share the same political views as the members of her Grange. What a shame,

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that a sister would consider prohibiting a brother from entering that Grange hall? What a shame, that the opportunity to close the distance between their differences was denied?

Why are we so preoccupied with judging each other based on political, religious or personal beliefs? If we were half as committed to tolerance, understanding, and fellowship... imagine what we could accomplish together.

**How we are different is not important. How we are alike, is.**

Membership in the Grange is qualified by our promise that we will not "knowingly wrong or defraud a brother or a sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within our power to prevent it."

**"Why, I even know one Granger that claims space aliens beamed her down to her first meeting!"**

As Brothers and Sisters of the Order, we pledge to work together, respect and support each other. That is what sets us apart from the apes and forms our fraternal bond. And by the way... if you are not having fun, there is something wrong.

As Grangers, we cannot solve all of the troubles of the world. *We can* choose battles that we can win together. Let's not waste precious time and energy aggravating differences that divide us. Let's seek common ground.



*Taking the oath, new members at Tulalake Grange.*

and apply our collective energy and strength toward common goals. There is strength in numbers.

Our 138th Annual California State Grange Convention is just around the corner. Our theme this year is "Growing Together" in celebration of a year of shared growth, camaraderie and exploration. Many fun and rewarding activities are in store for us. Let's respect, encourage and inspire each other, in harmony with the founding principles of the Grange: *unity, liberty and charity.*

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# Good Vibes at this Year's Grangestock

by Rick Keel

This year's Grangestock was a day filled with good music and good vibes from Grange members from all around the State. The event was held July 17th at the Orangevale Grange's outdoor amphitheater. There were Grangers from Santa Cruz, Garden Valley, Woodbridge, Aromas, Sacramento, Fort Bragg, Willits, Rancho Cordova, Antelope Valley and elsewhere.

The temperature was hot but the crowd found a way

to stay comfortable. Kids were playing in the sprinklers and adults were cooling off under the water misters. There were vendors selling memorabilia items, jewelry, bandanas and tie-dyed shirts. Alice's Restaurant in the hall was a big hit again this year. Grangers were taking a break from the heat and enjoying delicious and nutritious food prepared by Wendy and Sara McFarland.

The day started with Grange members Ken Donnell and Lisa Phenix singing *Amazing Grace*. They were later joined by State Grange Master Bob McFarland for a Grange version of *Alice's Restaurant*. The Leftovers, which include Grangers Charley Cornell playing harmonica and Buzz Chernoff on mandolin performed next. Buzz was also the sound man with help from Cottie Johnson of the newly formed Sacramento Community Grange. The Leftovers set featured Charlie Daniels' *Long Haired Country Boy*.

William Mylar then took the stage. He played guitar and sang a few songs before he was joined by fellow Grangers Bob McFarland, Jeff and Dave Medicott and Dennis Englis forming the Grangeful Dead. They had the crowd up on it's feet dancing to Chuck Berry's *Round & Round* and ended their set with the worthy Master singing a rousing version of Johnny Cash's *Folsom Prison Blues*.

The Medicott brothers stayed on stage and were joined by Jeff's son Michael to form M Cubed. They opened with the Beatles' *Come Together* and played classics from the Everly Brothers' *Wake Up Little Susie* and *Bye Bye Love* during their set.

Between bands Takashi Yogi from the Santa Cruz Grange sang Simon and Garfunkel's *Feelin' Groovy* and Dale Baker of the Orangevale Grange performed Johnny Cash's *Texas 1947*.



Pats Takashi Yogi, Buzz Chernoff & Dale Baker.

Grange member Phil Hildebrand's band, Rio Linda Swamp Thing, played next. Their set featured original music that rocked the amphitheater. Members from the Woodbridge Grange then took the stage next as the Mokelumne River Band. This was the six-piece acoustical band's first gig. They received a warm welcome from the crowd with their versions of Bob Dylan's *Knocking on Heaven's Door* and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's *Ohio*.

Another acoustical band, High Strung, followed the Mokelumne River Band. Their set included The Byrds' *Mr. Spaceman* and the Band's *The Weight*. The Radios, one of the bands that returned from Grangestock 2009, were rocking out during their performance. Their set included Credence Clearwater Revival's *Born on the Bayou* and The Rolling Stones' *Satisfaction*.



Dancers enjoy the Mokelumne River Band.

Grange member Derek Suhar played guitar and sang his original song *Run Rebel Run* to the delight of the crowd. The last act of the day was O Street which featured both drums and bongos. Their set included instrumental songs along with a cover of Bob Marley's *I Shot The Sheriff*.

This year's event raised over \$2,000 for GREAT (Grange Relief Emergency Action Team). GREAT

provides emergency assistance to Grange members that are victims of disasters. Grangestock 2011 promises to be another fun Grange event. Next year's event is scheduled for May 21, 2011 at the Orangevale Grange.

# ♪ Here I am at Camp Tehama ♪

by Buzz Chernoff  
(With apologies to Alan Sherman)

Hello muddah, hello faddah  
Here I am at Camp Tehama  
Things are cool here I'm so happy  
To escape the hot time in the valley.

Every morning we do stretching  
Dolores says that, "We all are  
fetching"  
Push up higher, pull in flatter  
Now it's time to go and fill our  
platters.

Bob and Nancy, Cheri too  
are the lively cooking crew.  
Making cookies, doing eggs.  
It's so nice when we can feed our  
heads.

All the kids, the old ones too  
Going fishing, keeping cool.  
Casting lines, netting fish  
Erik cleans them and grills a perfect  
dish.

Making masks, and impromptu  
Master Bob he took us through  
Folks from Mars, antennae heads  
Trying to figure the earthlings use of  
Keds.



Girls just wanna have fun.

Getting relaxed, doing Reiki  
Marli feels the vibes of Cheri

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Waving hands, feeling good  
Think I'll take it back to the  
neighborhood.



Morning stretching with Dolores, Grange Summer Camp 2010.

To the river, picking rocks  
Some paint pictures, some paint  
blocks  
Betty Ann says, "Wow that's great"  
And she's right they are all first rate.

Gotta hike, gotta climb  
Let's do Lassen, we have time  
It is steep, it is muddy  
"Want to head back anybody?"

Every night, we had a fire.  
Ate s'mores 'til we got tired

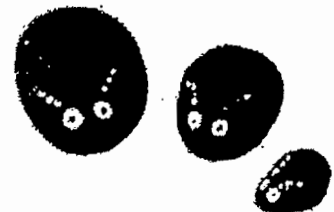
Singing songs, telling tales  
Jimi McDaniel always has a whale.

The Variety Show, by lecturer Buzz  
Brought out talent, brought out fuzz.  
All the Shoops, and Skljoppos  
Did a skit that nearly knocked our  
socks off.

At the camp, there is a bell  
Jonathan learned to ring it well.  
Sometimes one, sometimes two.  
Sometimes until someone threw a  
shoe.

Mr. Cornelius the camp honcho  
We like you better than cheese and  
nachos.  
You were fun, you were happy  
Watching all of us like a proud pappy.

Going swimming, at the river  
Where's the sun I'm starting to shiver  
Grab a towel, wrap it tight.  
Time to go and stand out in the light.  
Dearest muddah, dearest faddah  
Can we come back to Camp Tehama  
I had fun, all laughs no tears  
So muddah faddah let's come back  
next year.



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# Ann Burow and the Bennett Valley Grange

by Bob McFarland

Quietly sitting on a bench in the 138-year-old foyer, Ann turns the tattered pages of a scrapbook filled with clippings and photos, breathing life into the rich history of the Bennett Valley Grange. She smiles and proudly claims her eighty-five years as a member of this oldest continuously operating Grange in the nation, founded May 27, 1873.

And it just so happens that at her splendid age of 105, Ann is our oldest Grange member in the nation. "We have history here," she says simply.

Ann Burow was born in Oakland, California on October 23, 1905. To say she came from a large family is an understatement. She had 14 brothers and sisters.

Ann describes herself as a city girl who came to the country. A friend introduced her to a dairy man named George. They were married in 1924 and she moved to live with George and seventy cows on his farm in the Bennett Valley.

"I didn't know anything about farm life," Ann confesses. "But I went out there on an unpaved country road. She pauses, recalling fondly a time long ago. "It was like a storybook unfolded. A little farmhouse with no electricity and a hard wood stove.

The farm was run by George and his brother. "The two men took care of the farm. I used to watch them. It was an education in itself. None of the milk ever touched anything piped. They carried the milk in big cans."

On the farm, they raised two daughters, Luella and Gwen.

"The oldest girl was her father's girl," says Ann. "She would drive the tractor with him and ride it through the fields to school."

On Valentine's Day 1925, Ann joined the Bennett Valley Grange. Within a year, the members elected her as the Secretary and she served in that position for 65 years before retiring in December, 1990.

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Ann Burow and State Master Bob McFarland

Member Donald Tarpley recorded an excellent history of the Bennett Valley Grange and it is available in its entirety on the California State Grange website at [www.californiagrangef.org/news/pdf/bennett\\_valley.pdf](http://www.californiagrangef.org/news/pdf/bennett_valley.pdf).

Quoting from Donald's research, "On April 26, 1873, sixteen residents of the valley met informally at the old Strawberry School to discuss the possibility of organizing a Grange. A month later, twenty-five founding members met at the home of George Whitaker to formally organize the Grange. Men paid three dollars each for dues and women paid fifty cents each. Elmira Whitaker prepared a bountiful harvest feast from food grown on her ranch."

Praising the organization of the new Grange in a letter to the Sonoma Democrat, George Whitaker wrote "Bennett Valley Grange has taken the lead in Sonoma County in

the good cause and may the work go on until every tiller of the soil will sing to the tune of we are coming; some eighty thousand strong; to

save our sons and daughters from the clutches of the monopolies and rings."

In the months that followed, Granges quickly formed in the nearby communities of Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Two Rock, Bloomfield, Bodega, Green Valley and Glen Ellen. In April 1873, 571 new Granges were formed across the country, bringing the total to over 4,000 nation-wide.

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The National Grange was not even six years old

The members of the 1873 Bennett Valley Grange wasted little time building a hall. The new hall was dedicated on December 4, 1873, to coincide with the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the National Grange

Fast forward. On a lovely summer day in June, 2010, folks from all corners of Sonoma County and beyond gathered to celebrate the 138<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual picnic at the Bennett Valley Grange. For more than a century, the community comes together on this day to celebrate this grand old hall and the good work of the Grange. Much like the bountiful feast served at the founders' meeting, the food was plentiful and good. Guests were served 1/2 of a big barbecued chicken (these birds looked more like turkeys), delicious fresh salads and two desserts!

Picnic tables were set up outside the hall to accommodate the hundreds of people that showed up. There was a live band and dancers. Inside the hall, dozens of wonderful gift baskets and other prizes were set on tables for a silent auction. The local 4H had rabbits, pigs, goats, and chickens on display.

"For the first time we partnered with another non-profit organization," explained Bennett Valley Grange Secretary Bill Allen. "We decided to split the cost, profits and work with the Emergency Preparedness committee of the Bennett Valley Homeowners Association. This partnership proved successfully increasing attendance and increasing the participation of the community in preparation for the event."

In 1925, when Ann joined the Grange, there was no electricity. The main hall had a big heater and was lit by three huge oil lamps down the center. Most folks arrived in horse drawn buggies... Ann laughs. "We had an old Dodge with no glass windows. You had to put the curtains up when it rained."

"It was nothin' to have 30-40 people here at a meeting," says Ann. "The ritual was most important. We had two beautiful ritual teams. I was the Drill Master. We wore evening gowns. That is how we dressed, not in bikinis!

I was so proud of that team. We went all over the county. In those days lots of people joined the Grange. At one time we had 300 members. We were a friendly group. Everything centered here. We had lively programs and our lecturer was very good."

Ann knew George and Elizabeth Shelmyer. For decades, George served as California's most venerable State Master.

"I knew Elizabeth when she was a little girl," Ann recalls. "She became a school teacher and married George when he became the Master. They lived in Bennett Valley on Grange Road. They lived a very happy life. They were a nice couple."

"Today the kids have so much more than we had," explains Ann. "They can get anything. They just google it," she says, amused. Her advice to young people is that they stay in school and get a good education."

Ann's favorite memory of the Bennett Valley Grange was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1972, a week long gala celebration culminating in a formal dance at the hall. "It's a picture in my mind that never leaves," Ann shares. "Nowadays, people are casual. This world has changed. The whole world has never been the same since the war and it will never be the same again," reflects Ann.



Bennett Valley Grange 138th Annual Community Picnic

At the June, 2010 barbecue Ann beams, "To sit up here and see the crowd, it's wonderful!"

"Sister Ann Burow is an amazing person who just happens to be 105 years old," says Bennett Valley Grange Master Patty

Allen. "She remembers and has taught us many things about Bennett Valley Grange. She is very accepting and appreciative of new members and new ideas while always happy to share memories of the past if asked. I'm proud to call her a friend."

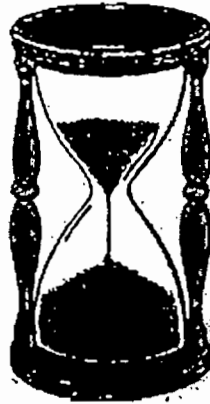
Ann reflects, "What I've told you is true. We love this old hall. The very first time I came here I said, 'Oh, I love this place. And as years rolled by the love is still there, really.'"

Ann Burow and the Bennett Valley Grange "have history here". They are inseparable. Together, they represent the very best that is the Grange.

# Time is Running Out to Save Your Tax Exemption

by Inger Bevans, Executive Committee

The IRS will be revoking the tax exemption of thousands of non-profit organizations on October 16, 2010. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires the IRS to revoke the exemptions of those nonprofits that have not filed for three consecutive years, beginning with tax year 2007. This list is currently on the IRS website and includes over 35,000 organizations in California alone, including 92 Granges! Is your Grange subject to losing its exemption?



For back years you must file a 990-EZ (for 2007 or 2008) with the notation "Filed in lieu of Form 990-N" printed on top of the first page. Instructions are at the IRS website (<http://www.irs.gov>).

For organizations that needed to file 990-EZ (because of more than \$25,000 in gross receipts) they will need to complete these back years returns and attach a Voluntary Compliance Program Checklist and pay a fee. This is also on the IRS website. There is no relief for organizations that were required to file other than a 990-N or a 990-EZ return.

If your annual gross receipts were \$25,000 or less, you needed to file a form 990-N for the years 2007-2009. If your average gross receipts were over \$25,000 you must have filed Form 990-EZ or a full 990. The IRS has issued guidance for relief to these small organizations. Forms may be filed no later than October 15, 2010 to obtain relief. The 990-N for 2009 must be filed electronically.

For more information on forms and required headings, contact Inger Bevans at (831) 449-4021 or the California State Grange office. Our Group Exemption number is 1160 and legal name is "Grange Patrons of Husbandry" with your Grange name as the DBA.

You can find a list of Granges that have not filed with the IRS as of September 1 at our Website: [www.CaliforniaGrange.org/news/IRS990.html](http://www.CaliforniaGrange.org/news/IRS990.html).

## National Master Visits Three California Granges

National Grange Master Ed Luttrell visited three California Granges August 11-13 and delivered a three-hour seminar covering a variety of topics including the responsibilities of Grange officers, membership and the financial state of the National Grange.

Escorted by State Master Bob McFarland, Master Luttrell visited Chico, Armas and Grover City Granges. Attendance at each location was good with many Granges being represented.

The National Grange is asking for donations to help with legal expenses to protect the trademarked Grange name. Master Luttrell said an additional \$150,000 is needed and that trademark protection efforts will conclude in 2011.

A committee has been formed by Master McFarland to develop a state-wide fundraiser. "We'll be more effective if we work together on this project rather than individual members and Granges making contributions." The fundraising project will be discussed at our upcoming Annual Convention.

Ed Luttrell commented Master Luttrell before boarding a plane to return to his home in Oregon.



Grangers Elsie Greenmyer, Louise Palmer and Bill Compton meet National Master Ed Luttrell.



## Book Review

# Dan Armstrong's *Prairie Fire*

By Lanny Cotler, Little Lake Grange #670 (Willits, CA)

I give nothing away (no spoilers) when I tell you that a heroic protagonist in Dan Armstrong's gripping novel, *Prairie Fire*...is the Master of the National Grange! His name is Forest Mahan and he is the spark plug, the inspiration and fount of wisdom and democratic courage that drives this taut and exceedingly relevant thriller.

What happens when enough grain farmers across America decide that the convoluted structure of the economic system between the small, independent family farmer and the end-user is unfair? Or worse. That's the beginning of *Prairie Fire*, and while it takes you back to our roots as Grangers -- when farmers all across America rose up and formed, out of necessity, the National Grange of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry! -- It also pulls you hard into the crisis felt by small and medium-sized farmers today.

You think you know who the good guys and bad guys are in real life? Armstrong has some surprises for you. The threads to this thriller knit and pull at page-turning speed -- from the small wheat farmer in Nebraska and Kansas...to the inner sancta of Homeland Security.

The second paragraph of the Prologue to *Prairie Fire*: "The farmers were frustrated for a whole lot of reasons, from subsidy politics to the skyrocketing price of petroleum products to recent fluctuations in the grain market. The cost of farming, human and financial, didn't quite seem worth it anymore."

What keeps the pages turning? Armstrong can shift gears, story threads, smoothly. Here's how he moves from the White House Oval Office to the grain fields of Kansas:

"While the masters of the universe were moving markers around on a board in Washington, out in America's heartland, three men in faded blue jeans, worn work shirts, and baseball caps had gathered at the one fence post all three of their farms shared, and in the laconic way were discussing the most important thing on the face of the earth -- topsoil."

Those three men actually set the story's core in motion. They know that heavy petro-chemical use is slowly but surely destroying their land. They talk about an alternative way of farming supposedly advocated by the

National Grange President. It's amazing how Armstrong, a non-Granger, captures the essence of the populism, progressivism, and the democratic underpinnings to the founding of the Grange Movement 140+ years ago. I couldn't help it. I called Dan Armstrong on the phone, so fascinated was I with his treatment of the Grange and its deepest roots and mission:

LC: Are you a member of the Grange?

DA: No, never a member.

LC: Have you considered becoming a member?

DA: Yes, I'd consider it. Much of what I do here in the

Willamette Valley as a farmer advocate could be the work of the Grange.

LC: Why did you use the Grange so centrally in your story?

DA: It was a natural fit. It was an organization already in place that just needed a dynamic leader. Once I read about the origin of the Grange and Orville Kelley, I was hooked. I realized that what he was trying to do then still makes sense today. Farmers need an organized community and they have to work together. Cooperative is not a dirty word.

LC: Why did you put Forest Mahan in the middle of the story?

DA: Because I knew unity was the biggest hurdle for the farmers to overcome. I

wanted a character that could get his arms around everyone. He's the perfect balance between the farmer and the environmentalist -- the man who could sit at the table with both organic and conventional farmers and find the common ground.

LC: What do you want people to learn through this story?

DA: The two G's -- grain and gasoline. Management of the planet starts with learning how to feed ourselves sustainably. Using petroleum inputs can't last.

LC: Do you think the small farmer or the market should determine what is grown and where?

DA: Neither. The land should dictate what we grow on it, not the market. And if the farmers are good stewards, they'll listen to the land.

So you see Mr. Armstrong writes about a world we know all too well. The book is neither left nor right: it's about localizing the stewardship of the land and the commitment that may be necessary in order to do so.

For the complete review, check out our website, [www.CaliforniaGrange.org/news/prairie\\_fire.html](http://www.CaliforniaGrange.org/news/prairie_fire.html)





## Chaplain's Corner

By: Barbara Geiger  
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Here's hoping that all is well with you out there in Grange Land. I haven't heard from anyone so you must be well. At least I sure hope so. Those that I have heard from, I pray that you are getting better.

I hope to see all of you at convention in October. Make sure that your secretary sends in the Memorial form that you receive from the State Section or print one out that is on the CSG web site.

If you have a need for a card to be sent out, let me know. Please remember to send the address so I can send the card out quick. Otherwise I have to hunt for the address.

Thank you and God Bless  
Barbara your Chaplain

## Food for Thought

Be a friend

Sometimes a friend is in need  
Of small kindness of word or deed  
That friend might feel a little sad,  
For it seems there is no comfort to be had.

Sometimes when she is all alone,  
It just takes a call by telephone,  
To let her know that you are there -  
A simple gesture to show you care.

Other times she might need a touch -  
A gentle hug would mean so much,  
Or one might share a pot of tea  
While discussing that day or a memory.

Words of kindness are never out of place,  
They can set a smile upon another's face.  
And a visit every now and then,  
Can be the perfect medicine for a friend.

Barbara Joan Million



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## The Skinny on Dues and Resolution 09-003R

In October of 2009 the delegates approved an amendment to our Bylaws regarding local Grange dues. This is a first step in reducing the requirement to amend subordinate bylaws every time the State Grange per capita amount is increased.

Article XXV, Section 25.3 now reads "The By-Laws of each Subordinate Grange shall specify the maximum amount of additional dues, as provided for in Article X, Section 10.2, that are necessary for the operation of the respective Grange." This means your Bylaws may specify a fixed maximum or an amount over the State Per capita amount.

For example, if your Grange might need up to \$10 for local dues, your local bylaws could read: "Dues - The dues of this Grange shall be the amount of State Per Capita plus an amount not exceeding \$10 for local subordinate dues." The amount of your local dues could remain stable until the maximum amount is insufficient, at which time another amendment may be necessary.

Now, what about the Grange that wishes to subsidize their member dues and charge less than the State per capita? Until we change Article X, Section 10.2b, your dues need to be the minimum of the State per capita. In this case, your local Bylaws could state that "The dues of this Grange shall be a maximum of the amount due the State Grange Per capita." You could charge your members less, but let them know that you are subsidizing the balance of the dues.

Remember, dues are what support our local, state and national Grange programs. If you have any questions, please call the State office for assistance.

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## GWA MEMO

By Betty Eyles

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This article will only be a reminder for the upcoming State Convention in October for GWA. The GWA Director's report, march, and luncheon are scheduled for Friday October 15.

The Women's March will be donated to the March of Dimes this year, which goes to a very worthwhile cause.

Please remember to bring homemade cookies for the members to munch on during the convention session. Everyone always looks forward to those homemade cookies.

As usual looking forward to those beautiful baskets filled with all kinds of goodies. Please remember to include a card with your Grange name and address so the winners can thank GWA or the Grange for the basket.

APRONS! I hope that everyone is either making or designing an apron for the fashion show. As I have said before be creative, fancy or crazy. Our models are very fashionable.

Remember the deadline for the Expo is September 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no limit what a person can do or make in the Expo book, so I know there will be many entries.

If many of you have been saving stamps, please bring them to the convention and I will see that they are delivered to the Easter Seal Foundation.

If your GWA has made articles such as caps for children or adults, waiting room fun bags for the children at the Shriner's Hospital, or lap quilts, and had no outlet, please bring them to State Convention.

Please remember to send the State Contributions which are Kelly Farm Fund, Marinoff Memorial GWA Scholarship and State Masters gift by September 30<sup>th</sup> to me. Make checks payable to California State Grange.

GWA will have the goat soap bars again this year. The proceeds will go to the St. Jude Hospital for Children.

Looking forward to seeing you at State Convention.

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*To my way of thinking, nothing we do as leaders is more important than letting our members know we care about them.*

by Bob McFarland, Master

**Rough & Ready – May 27:** The authentic gold rush town of Rough & Ready has a long history of independence and rugged character. The Grange members that live there are no exception. The hall is a

business meeting. These folks are so remote that many of them did not know much about the State Grange. So, we brought them up-to-date on Grange programs and what is going on at some of the neighbor Granges. We were well received and look forward to more visits with this great group of folks.

**Sonoma – June 6:** We had a wonderful time at the Sonoma community breakfast where we found Master Jim Callahan flipping whole grain pancakes from a stove top.

release the McFarland family from our duties as *dog-stickers, cashiers, and order-takers* at the annual Pleasant Valley Grange Corn Dog Booth at the El Dorado County Fair. For 60+ years PVG has been dipping doggies in our secret home-made batter and dunking 'em in hot oil. Netting about \$4,000, the booth is our second most profitable yearly fundraiser behind the crab feed. It takes a lot of folks to run a corn dog booth: 4 days X 4 shifts X 5 staff (per shift). But with over 140 members in the Pleasant Valley Grange, that ain't no big deal.



Sonoma Master Jim Callahan flipping whole grain hotcakes

beautiful old building, originally built in 1853 as an Odd Fellows lodge. The Grange is the hub of activity in this rural community and partners up with several local organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce.

Master Joe Lester is a local rancher cut right out of a bolt of denim. "A purty nice feller," you might say. The members recently started a pancake breakfast which is doing quite well.

It was a pleasure to join Ambassador Cheri Bunker and attend a recent

These members put on a healthy breakfast that includes frittatas on the menu.

We enjoyed meeting cashier Edith King, a member with over sixty years in the Grange, and new member Yannick Phillips and her young family. This Grange has a harmonious combination of sage wisdom and new vitality. Master Jim Callahan gets great reviews from the members. You can feel the good vibes when you enter the hall.

Pleasant Valley Grange – June 17. Being State Master does not

**Rio Linda Grange – June 30:** We were honored to attend Past Master's Night at the Rio Linda Grange. This night there was a good potluck topped off with some home-made fresh blueberry/goat milk ice cream provided by past Master Sharon Taylor.

The small hall sits on a couple of acres in a farming community. This older hall has a lot of history and its fair share of wear & tear. Hard-working Master Linda McCracken and the members are taking on that 3k with hands-on know-how and a few fundraisers. That's the Grange way.

**Orangevale – July 3:** A tradition for over 18 years, the Orangevale Grange put on their annual 3rd of July fireworks display attended by hundreds of folks from the community. Families arrive early with lawn chairs, picnic blankets, kids, dogs, and Granny in a rocker, making themselves comfortable on the grassy hillside that forms a splendid natural amphitheatre. There are all-American hot dogs and cold drinks available. Before the fireworks start, a live band gets the kids up dancing to Beach Boys hits. Dale Baker MC'd, which just goes to show ya... you can find *something* for just about *anybody* to do.



Tulelake - July 8. It was a great pleasure traveling with my good friends Gentleman Jim McDaniel, his lovely wife Pat, and past State Master Leo Bergeron to the fertile California farming region just south of Klamath Falls to visit with the members of the Tulelake Grange. Driving past plush green fields just outside of town, we asked each other, "What is that sweet fragrance smell?" Turns out it was not Jim's cologne. It was mint, widely grown in the area.

Master Joe Victorine and his wife Mary have been attending the Tulelake Grange since the 1960's. Their names are well known in Grange circles around the state. Joe was on the State Grange Executive Committee for several years. Mary has raised a couple of generations of Grange members. They are the kind of good folks that you take a liking to immediately. They make you feel right at home.

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 with Bob

In recent years, it has become more and more difficult to keep an active membership in the Tulelake Grange. It's not an uncommon problem when the leadership and members grow older. And when you come across a couple like the Victorines that have kept the torch burning all these years, despite many challenges, you cannot help but be inspired.

So, when they had the confidence and courage to reach out for help, we came running like Texas Rangers to a saloon fight. The demeanor at the meeting was somewhat somber as we discussed the real possibility of having to shut down the Tulelake Grange.

Leo Bergeron stood up and gave a great talk about the important role the Grange has played, advocating for rural farmers and communities. Jim spoke passionately about the goodwill and camaraderie the Grange provides for its members and the community. I gave my usual pep talk (no one threw tomatoes).

*"These zucchini sucking fiends have taken over the Allens!"*

Some neighbors attended the meeting. Sadly, they said, "We don't want to see you shut down the Grange."

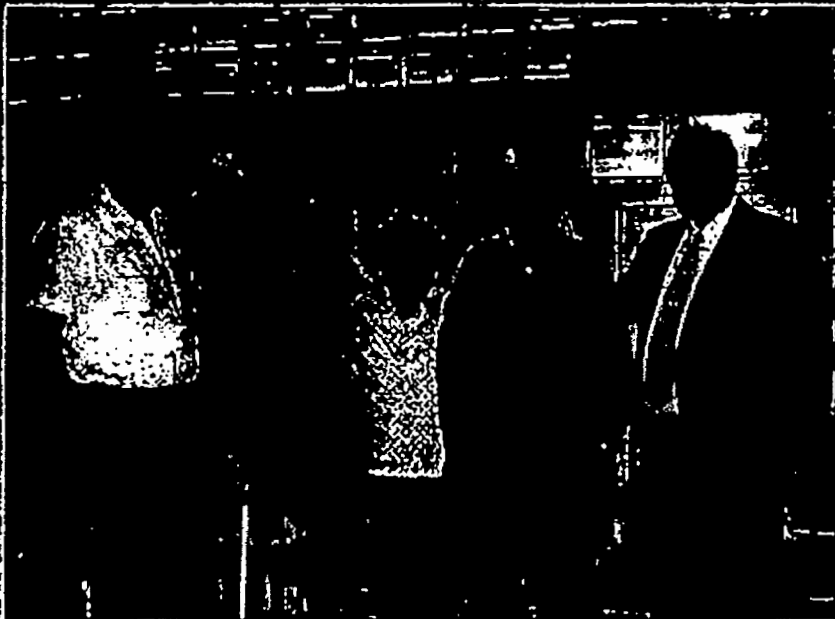
"Well, then, you better join us," I said. And so they did. Before the night was over, the mood had changed from tragedy to triumph.

In the car on the way back that night, the heavens opened up and we were treated to a spectacular lightening storm over the mountains. Pat and Jim sat in the back and carried on like two teenagers in the balcony. "Isn't it wonderful," said Jim. Indeed, it is.

Windsor Grange - August 19. When I heard that the Windsor Grange was having a pot luck called "All Things Zucchini," I just had to go. You see, as a child I was deprived of zucchini. My parents simply did not believe in it.

The idea that there existed some kind of a bizarre zucchini-worshipping cult out there in Grangeland intrigued me, I bid farewell to the family, and left.

At Windsor I was greeted by my old friend Charles Besscher. Looking across the room, I was shocked to



Leo Bergeron, Jim McDaniel, Mary and Joe Victorine, and Bob McFarland.

We obligated three new members to the Tulelake Grange and there was talk of Joe's son-in-law taking over the Master's post, to give Joe and Mary the rest they have earned. Sometimes being a Granger warms you up like a cup of hot cocoa.

(see Bill and Patty Allen). I thought, "Oh, no! These zucchini sucking fiends have taken over the Allens!"

New Master Rob Munderloh asked me if I would judge the zucchini.

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## Lecturer's Notes

by Buzz Chernoff

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I heard a news article on the radio a couple of days ago that reminded me of the importance of diversity. It turns out that one of the consequences of the BP oil leak in the Gulf was that it stimulated the growth of bacteria which thrive on eating oil. Known as bioremediation, these bugs have and are using the oil as a food source, growing in population while reducing the amount of oil in the bay. How can this happen? The ocean contains a great diversity of bacteria, each with their particular niche in the ecosystem. When environmental conditions change, like the presence of large amounts of oil, bacteria that can adapt to this change will suddenly be at an advantage and will thrive in the new environment.

Last year the CSG returned back to our roots. This was really a change in the environment of the CSG with a focus on the formation of new Granges; the revitalization of closed and inactive Granges; the start of Grange farmer's markets; the CSG taking a leadership role in food safety and rural community development; and an emphasis on supporting the connection between the rural and urban communities.

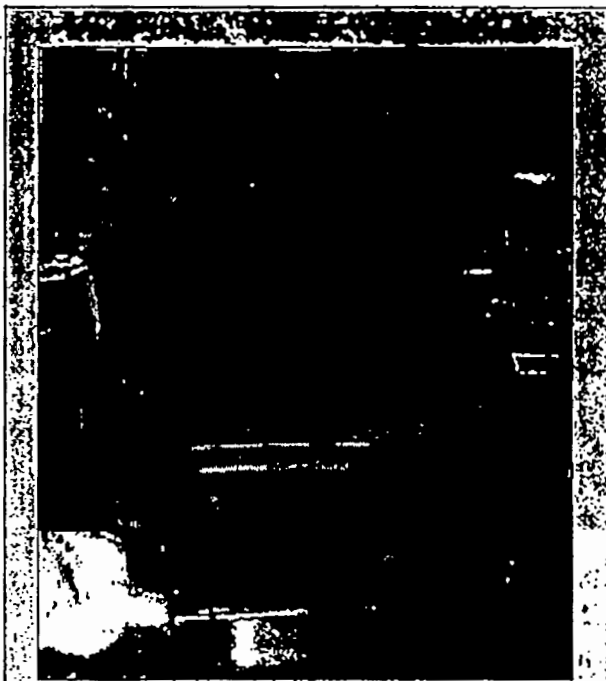
In this changed environment the CSG is attracting new folks, those with an interest in small farming and community building. We need to embrace these folks since they bring ideas and skills that will help set the course of the Grange over the next years. At the same time, we need to embrace those long-time Grangers with ideas and skills on the history and tradition of the Grange. It is a combination of all these different folks, with different ideas, priorities, and beliefs that can best adapt to the changing world we live in. Up my way there is a bumper sticker that reads "Good neighbors come in all flavors". I like to think that "Good Grangers come in all flavors" as well. It is the way of survival. That's the end of the lecture!

Can you believe that our annual convention is just a few weeks away? Last year we "returned to our roots"; this year the Mt. Hamilton Convention Planning Committee has chosen the theme "Growing Together", and from all I have heard, this convention will be as good if not better than last years. One of the jobs of the Lecturer is to make the convention a fun and learning experience. To this end, I will be holding a workshop on Wednesday that will be a demonstration of how to put on a fun

educational program about food safety in your home Grange.

Of course there will be the talent contest where the winners of Community Grange Contests will compete for \$1000 in prizes split between the two age categories (15 and under and 16 and above). If your community Grange has not had a talent contest, there is still time to put one on. Talk to your Lecturer, or if you like, contact me at [Lecturer@Californiagrango.org](mailto:Lecturer@Californiagrango.org), and we will make it happen.

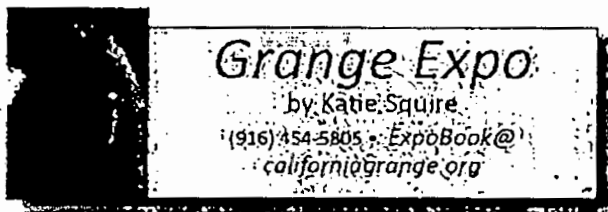
Unlike the talent contest, anyone can join in the fun of the Lecturer's Variety Show. This is pure uncompetitive fun. If you would like to participate, and who wouldn't, let me know and I will put you on the program. And last is what I like to think of as the hijinks; things to lighten up the session and remind folks that while we must attend to the labors of the day, there's no reason we can't do it with some breaks for fun and humor. So if you have a funny story, a poem, joke, skit or something else that's fun that you would like to do to during the session, let me know. It's by having fun together in work and play that we will grow together. Buzz



### Healthy Film Series at Orangevale Grange

Launyn Kersten shows off her fresh blackberry cobbler at the community showing of the movie "Fresh" at the Orangevale Grange, August 6. The movie is the first in a series of films promoting healthy lifestyles, presented by new member Michael Kersten. For info phone: (916) 988-0806.





## Greetings from the California Grange Exposition

We all hope that you have been working on projects this year and will be entering them in the Expo. Prize money in many of the GWA sponsored competitions has been increased so there are new incentives to participate.

Changes have occurred in the photography competition. Due to advances in camera optics, all methods of photography will now be judged in one Division, with sections based on age groups and class reflecting subject matter.

The California Grange Exposition Premium Book has been posted to the California Grange Website. Go to [www.californiagrango.org/convention2010.html](http://www.californiagrango.org/convention2010.html) and then select 2010 Expo Handbook on the menu to the left to access the PDF.

The deadline for entry forms for the 2010 California Grange Exposition is fast approaching.

We must have them by close of business September 15<sup>th</sup>. New this year all entry forms will be received at the California State Grange offices, 3830 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817. Your entry form will then be forwarded to the Expo Director for processing.

When filling out your entry form please include an email address for contacting you. This provides a quick and easy way to confirm receipt of your entry form(s) and makes it easy to resolve any problems with your entry.

The National Junior Grange Department has opened a contest for Junior Grange members to write about their family. All entries received in Creative Writing Division 40, Sections A1-A4, Class 3 will be judged for awards at the Expo and then sent on to the National Grange Convention for additional judging. Art in Division 12 will also be submitted for National Grange judging.

Exhibit receiving (the actual items being checked in for judging) will be at Mt. Hamilton Grange Hall in San Jose, CA, beginning Wednesday October 13, at 1 PM and will conclude at 6 PM that evening. The Expo will be closed for judging Thursday morning, and will open later that

day to the public. All exhibits will be released Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have been invited to submit 3 exhibits, representing the work of Junior, Youth and Senior participants, for inclusion in the National Grange Convention display. After the CA Grange Exposition judging has been completed the 3 exhibits will be selected.

Don't forget that you can invite non-members to be Guest Exhibitors in the Grange Exposition. This is a perfect opportunity to invite talented, creative people to "test drive" the Grange. You can use this program to make contact with local teachers, organizations with similar objectives or even groups that are already using your hall, to let them know that the Grange has programs that they would value. Guest Exhibitors may enter once, after that they must join the Grange in order to compete again.

Did you know that nearly \$10,000 in prize money is offered each year for awards in the Grange Exposition? We are always looking for award sponsors. For the sum of \$15 an individual, Grange or business can sponsor the awards in a single class within a division. Division sponsorships vary based on the number of sections and classes. Please contact the Expo Director, Katie Squire, for additional information. Special awards can also be sponsored.

### *"Nearly \$10,000 in prize money is offered each year for awards"*

San Diego County Pomona Grange is again sponsoring Awards for the Best Use of Butterflies. Last year we had butterflies fluttering on quilts, paintings, in writing and even on cookies. Due to the wonderful response this contest is returning for 2010. The contest is in honor of Sister Luella Crandall, past Regional GWA Director, in honor of her years of service to the Grange. To be eligible for this award the word "Butterfly" must appear at the end of the exhibit description. Awards will be given for the best Junior, Youth and Senior exhibits. Each winner will receive a special ribbon and \$15 in premium money.

Don't forget you may also be eligible for the Sweepstakes Award. The top winning individual Junior, Youth and Adult will receive an additional \$100 in premiums. The Junior and Community Grange with the highest number of award points will also receive \$100.

Additional information about the Grange Exposition can be found on Facebook. Just look for California Grange Exposition. Pictures from the 2009 Expo have been posted along with daily ideas and suggestions. Please "Like" the page.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Expo Director at [ExpoBook@californiagrango.org](mailto:ExpoBook@californiagrango.org).



# Health Matters

by Jim McDaniel

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With warmer weather we enjoy the pleasure of more outdoor activities. Due to a wetter than average winter, in most of California, the mosquitoes have increased. To avoid bites that could, aside from being unpleasant, give you West Nile Virus, encephalitis, malaria and other diseases, use a good mosquito repellent containing DEET. When outdoors. Early in the day and during evening hours this is especially important.

• Drain all standing water that may have collected in cans or hubcaps, rain gutters or other areas as mosquitoes can breed in tiny areas as well as larger ponds. Put mosquito fish in your ornamental ponds.

In spring and early summer the sunshine is enjoyable, but can be dangerous. Use a powerful sunscreen, not under 50%. The tube will be clearly marked. Be sure to put plenty on your neck, shoulders and the back of your legs. I have lost several friends due to sun-induced melanoma on the back of their neck and two young friends from melanoma on the calves of their legs.

Enjoy beautiful summer weather. Don't trust melting ice on high mountain lakes, be alert for rattlesnakes, yellow jackets and poison oak—usually not above the 4,000 foot level. I am an outdoor person and I encourage everyone to be—but it helps to know the hazards. Every season has some.

How are the overweight youngsters doing? In the rural areas I visit, I see schools including physical education in their program and cafeterias offering alternatives to high calorie diets. However childhood obesity is a matter for those raising children to control. Again, I see a need for children to be taught to limit their time playing computer games or watching TV. Have them walk, play outdoor games and sports, work in the garden, have out of doors chores, etc. Do these things with them. Family life breaks down easily in modern homes. It is good for health to save the family togetherness. Excessive time on the couch helps no one.

Did you know that the important B-vitamin called choline when it is part of the expectant mother's diet, may prevent neural tube problems in infants and prevent a mother's risk of breast cancer? You may enjoy grilled steak or salmon or rich egg dishes. Choline, discovered in 1862 was declared by the food and nutrition board as an essential nutrient and established an adequate intake for it.

Care of children's teeth should start as soon as baby teeth appear. That is the time for them to learn what a toothbrush is for and how it is used. Start brushing their teeth as they grow older and watch them as they take the job over. Teach them early to floss.

Avoid bedtime bottles of milk, formula, or juices that can pool for hours in a sleeping child's mouth, leading to "baby bottle tooth decay". Also, avoid snacking between meals. When a child goes to the dentist for the first time, let the dentist take over. Be a silent observer, no horror stories beforehand. Afterward, be sure to tell your child how well he or she did.

Note that pervasive chemicals, i.e. perfume, shaving lotion, etc. can have a negative effect on your health. Our skin is not the protective layer we used to think. Beauty chemicals are kept safe if used in moderation. People with severe allergies, asthma and hay fever should not work in close quarters with users of perfumes and shaving lotions. The exercise center I use has banned use of such products by clients.

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For a variety of reasons many people are told by their doctors to reduce or quit using salt. That is not really hard to do. However, many canned foods like soups, stews, pasta, etc. and frozen dinners may have a lot of salt. Learn to use fresh fruits and vegetables more of the time.

In closing, I want to point out lessons learned from famous body-builder, Jack LaLane, who has reached the age of 95 and is still exercising regularly. He harps on healthful living. "Would you put garbage in the gas tank of your car?" he asks. The message is keep your whole family off junk food. He advises exercise vigorously three times a week for at least thirty minutes. Adopt a diet rich in fruits and vegetables and lean meats—and use no tobacco in any form.

• **Mr. Shasta blood sources stress the need for blood, as 95 percent of all Americans will have a need for blood by age 72. Donors need to be in good health, at least 17 years old (or 16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit. I would suggest that the donor bring a list of any medications being taken and the reason for them.**

• **KEEP WELL! - Jim**

**WINDSOR GRANGE #410**

*Make Us Proud: Sydney Johnson of the Windsor Grange won Premier Breeder First Place Grange at Cal Expo for champion ram and ewe beating out 17 other Grange competitors. Way to go Sydney!*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIGEST:**  
*Minutes of Executive Committee meetings are available for viewing in the Members' Only section of the State Grange website: [www.californiagrangeg.org](http://www.californiagrangeg.org).*

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# California State Grange 138th Convention • San Jose 2010

by Bob McFarland

Hang on to your hats! The 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the California State Grange is just around the corner, October 13 – October 17 at the lovely Mt. Hamilton Grange in San Jose, California.

Our theme this year is *Growing Together* in celebration of a year of shared growth, camaraderie and exploration. Many fun and exciting activities are in store for us.

Imagine, almost one hundred forty years ago, we rose from the fields and farmlands and gathered on common ground to support each other, work together, and honor traditional values.

We built halls across the rural landscape of California, inviting family, friends and neighbors to share the harvest from the fields and celebrate the bounty of life. Since 1873, we've preserved our founding principles of *unity, liberty, and charity*.

Cities and townships have grown up around those rural halls and the Grange has evolved into a community service organization with nearly 10,000 members and 206 chapters across California.

*Damned right we're proud!*

Join us in San Jose for this 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. We are a grass roots organization. Our inspiration grows from the ground up. Each and every one of us has a voice, and all voices are equal. No where is your voice heard more clearly than at our annual convention, where we gather to share ideas, celebrate our fellowship, and affirm our beliefs.

*And this will be a Convention you will not want to miss...*

On Wednesday, October 13 at noon, the Master and  
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staff of the CSG want to treat you to lunch, to show our appreciation and our joy from knowing you and working for you. Lunch will be followed by an afternoon of fun and rewarding workshops including "Confessions of a Secretary" presented by Office Manager Amy Self, "Surviving the Grange" with Master Bob, "Farmer's Market Manifesto" with Michael Foley of the Little Lake Grange, "What's Up? A PR Primer" presented by Jay Hartz and Rick Keel, "Safe Food – It's a Mouthful" offered by Lecturer Buzz Chernoff.

Subject to final approval of the agenda, Thursday officially opens the session with our budget presentation for 2011, and reports from the Master and Directors. Resolution processing begins in the afternoon. There were more than 50 resolutions submitted this year, some very interesting. The day caps off with Mt. Hamilton, hosting a delicious traditional dinner and entertaining us with Filipino folk dance.

Friday we continue our resolutions processing. The GWA March, reports and luncheon are held. On Friday afternoon nominations will be taken and elections held for open officers' positions. There are at least two this year, the State Secretary's position and one position on the State Executive Committee. The day ends that evening with the Master's Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Fine food, entertainment and company.

Saturday we will continue with processing our resolutions and have the exemplifications of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degrees. Our annual Lecturer's Talent Show and Dinner takes place that night.

Sunday morning, our Chaplain Barbara Geiger leads us for our Memorial Service, remembering our loved ones. Foundation President Tom Sawyer will conduct a ceremony to honor our Veterans. Elected officers will be installed by Central District Deputy Lee Geiger. We will conclude our business and hope to close our annual session at by 1:00pm.

Remember the Membership Contest we started last spring? Two Granges will be awarded \$500 for

## Growing Together



membership growth, one for the most new members and one for the greatest percentage of new members gained in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year. The winners will be announced at the convention. Right now, it's neck-and-neck between a few Granges, as we tally the results.

Have you entered something in the Grange Expo? Over \$10,000 in prizes are awarded each year. Check out Expo Director Katie Squire's article on page 15 for more information.

**Dress code.** We often get asked, what is the dress code for convention? The answer is anything you want it to be, as long as it is not indecent. Talk around the CSG office is that Master and staff will dress-up for the opening session day, Thursday, and be more casual and comfortable for the rest of the convention.

A discount lodging rate starting at \$79 per night plus taxes has been arranged at the Holiday Inn San Jose/

Silicon Valley, located at 399 Silicon Valley Blvd. about 7 miles south of Mt. Hamilton Grange. A limited number of rooms have been set aside until September 23 at this rate. Rooms booked after September 23 may be reserved at a higher rate. To make a reservation phone (408) 972-7800 and ask for the Grange discount. The Holiday Inn's website is: [www.sanjosehi.com](http://www.sanjosehi.com).

Don't be stingy! Your Grange can help cover the costs of convention by contributing \$25 to get your Grange's name on our official 138th Convention T-shirt. See details on back cover of this magazine.

Complete convention details, forms and agenda are available in this magazine on pages 21-23.

Our goal is to make this convention fun. Activities have been planned to put a smile on your face and a spring in your step. We truly hope you will join us for this 138<sup>th</sup> California State Grange Convention.

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contest. I am a good judge of many Grange talent shows, but I thought, "These poor souls probably think that zucchini can sing and dance!"

"No," I replied. "You just need to see the attraction."



Zucchini Feeding Frenzy: Bob McFarland, young lady, and Bill Allen at Windsor Grange.

entries and decide which one tastes the best. My appetite got the best of me and I joined Bill Allen to judge the zucchini contest.

If I had been asked to fill the table with every kind of zucchini dish represented at Windsor Grange that night, he would have needed a bigger boat. There were zucchini breads, zucchini cookies, zucchini casserole and zucchini soups. Zucchini soups, zucchini soup, zucchini cakes, pizza, pies, and fritters. In fact,

there was even an cucumber trying to pass as a zucchini!

We ate so much zucchini that at some point during the judging, Bill Allen passed out!

I was certain I would end up as a contestant in the movie *Zucchini Zonbies from Hell*. Nevertheless, I made home safely. In truth, the zucchini dishes were so tasty, it was difficult to pick the winners.

But as I was leaving, I think I heard one of them say, "The next pot luck will be 'Everything Eggplant'!"

If your Grange has an upcoming event and you'd like the Master to attend, please send him an email at [master@californiagrang.org](mailto:master@californiagrang.org).

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Address:	
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Phone:	
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<p><i>All names on this form will be filed under name #1.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Completed Pre-Registration Forms must be postmarked by September 30, 2010 to avoid \$10 late penalty. (Per resolution 00-78-GA)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Remember to attach the Credential Form if you are a Voting Delegate</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Sub-Total:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">Section 1 (Carry over to Page 2, section 4)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 5px; font-style: italic;">Continued on Page 2</td> </tr> </table>	Sub-Total:	\$	Section 1 (Carry over to Page 2, section 4)		Continued on Page 2	
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Section 2 - Other Items	Description	Name Number(s) From Section 1	Price	Quantity	Total
Workshop Day	Free workshops: Wednesday, Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> 12-4 p.m. Includes free Welcome Lunch compliments of the State Grange staff.		FREE		FREE
5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Tickets	For 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Members who wish to take the 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree of the Order (Must have Name # from Section 1)		\$5.00		
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				Sub-Total: \$ Section 2 (Carry over to section 3)	
<b>Section 3 - Meals</b> Meals may be purchased as a six meal package or for individual days. Child Meals are for ages 13 and under. Children 6 and under eat for free.					
				6 Meals	# of Persons
Meal Package (All 6 Meals - Lunch and Dinner each day) <i>Please select Dinner choices below</i>				Adult: \$70.00	
				Child: \$10.00	
Dates	Lunch	Dinner (enter choice quantities)	Price per day		
Thursday, October 14	First-Timers Lunch	Host Dinner Beef ___ Chk ___ Veg ___	Adult: \$25.00		
			Child: \$15.00		
Friday, October 15	GWA Lunch	Master's Banquet Beef ___ Vegetarian ___	Adult: \$25.00		
			Child: \$15.00		
Saturday, October 16	Heritage Lunch	Talent Show Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___	Adult: \$25.00		
			Child: \$15.00		
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Mt. Hamilton Grange, San Jose

**Wednesday, October 13 – Workshop Day**

TBA  
12:00pm – 4:00pm  
12:00pm  
1:00pm – 6:00pm  
1:00pm – 6:00pm

Legislative Committee Meetings  
Early Bird Registration &  
Delegate Check-in  
**Welcome Lunch** – Sponsored  
by CSG Master & Staff  
Expo Entries Receiving  
Workshops & Activities

12:00pm  
1:00pm  
3:00pm  
3:10pm  
5:30pm  
6:00pm  
7:30pm

**GWA Lunch**  
Reconvene  
Nomination & Election of Officers  
Resolution Processing  
Break  
Rose Drill – Mt. Hamilton  
Resolution Processing  
**Session Closes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
**Master's Banquet & Awards**  
**Ceremony**  
**Entertainment**

**Thursday, October 14 - 138<sup>th</sup> Session Opens**

TBA  
8:00am  
9:00am  
9:00am B  
10:00am  
12:00pm  
1:00pm  
1:45pm  
2:30pm  
2:45pm  
3:00pm  
5:30pm  
6:00pm  
7:30pm

Legislative Committee Meetings  
Registration & Delegate Check-in  
Expo Opens  
Budget Presentation  
**Session Opens in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
Roll Call of Officers  
**Lower to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
Introduction of Honored Guests  
Partial Credentials Report  
Approval of Standing Rules  
Approval of Schedule  
Approval of E.C. Minutes 2009 - 2010  
Approval of 2011 Budget  
**Recess**  
**First Timers Lunch** – Mt. Hamilton  
**Reconvene**  
Master's Address  
Directors' Reports  
Resolution Processing Instructions  
Break  
Required Constitutional Resolutions  
Resolution Processing  
**Session Closes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
**Host Dinner** – Mt. Hamilton with  
**Traditional Folk Dancing entertainment**  
**Youth Night**

**Saturday, October 16**

8:00am  
9:00am  
11:30am  
12:00pm  
1:00pm  
1:30pm  
3:15pm  
3:30pm  
4:30pm  
6:00pm

Registration Opens  
**Session Opens in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
Officers roll call  
Reading of the Journal of the  
Previous Day  
Final Credential Report  
Nominations & Elections of Officers  
Resolution Processing  
GIA Presentation  
**Recess**  
**Heritage Lunch**  
**Reconvene**  
**The Wisdom of Pomona**  
Resolution Processing  
Break  
**Session Raises to the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
**Exemplification of the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
**Session Raises to the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
**Exemplification of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
**Session Lowers to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
**Session Closes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
**Lecturer's Dinner and Talent Show**

**Sunday, October 17**

9:00am  
10:00am  
1:00pm  
2:00pm

**Memorial Serviced and Veterans**  
**Ceremony**  
**Installation of Officers**  
**Session Opens in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
Officers Roll Call  
Reading of the Journal of the previous  
day  
Resolution Processing  
Resolution of Appreciation  
**Closing of the Annual Session in the**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
Expo Entries Released  
Foundation Meeting

**Friday, October 15**

8:00am  
9:00am  
11:15am

Registration Opens  
**Session Opens in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree by**  
**the Youth Team**  
Officers roll call  
Reading of the Journal of the Previous  
Day  
Partial Credential Report  
Resolution Processing  
GWA Director's Report  
GWA March  
**Recess**



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## **Grange Success Story 4 to 64 in 9 Months**

**Rutherford's Re-Builders: Dave Pina, Executive Committee, Michael Meade, Overseer, Susan Hirschy, Master, Peg Cann, Executive Committee and Nick Cann, Gatekeeper.  
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## Master's Message

By Bob McFarland

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### Working Together

Let's be frank. How many times over the past few months have you been angry with another Grange member? Certainly, I've done my fair share of ticking people off. And I've been angry, too.

You could say, "It's just human nature," and let it go at that. Or you could internalize it and never let anyone else know your discomfort until it eats a hole in your stomach. How healthy is that?

And e-mails? Don't even get me started. At times, I think they are the devil's highway. How many keyboards have you melted sending one those "I'll tell you a thing or two" e-mails? Why

is it that we will blast things out in an e-mail that we would never tell a person to their face?

We call ourselves Brothers & Sisters. Growing up in my house, I often fought with my brother and sister. But never the less, at the end of the day when the weight of the world is on my shoulders, I know that my family will be there for me. In its simplest form the Grange is a family. And we need to be there for each other.

We must endure each other's weaknesses and celebrate each other's strengths. We must raise each other up, forgive our offenses, and be patient and understanding. Where we differ, we must try to find our common ground. When we falter, we must recover and carry on. When we need help, we must not be too proud to ask for it.

#### A few suggestions:

**Share.** Make room for other members to participate in your programs and events. If you've been flipping pancakes for the last 12 years, pry the spatula away from your clenched hand and let

someone else give it a try. And if they flip pancakes a little differently than you do—so what? By the time you slap on the butter and the syrup, it all tastes the same.

**Use 'em or lose 'em.** If you don't let your members participate, they'll pick up their marbles and go home. They didn't sign-up to come to the Grange and sit on a chair to be under-utilized and unappreciated. Everyone has the right to participate. Don't assume by their silence or shyness they don't want to be involved. Ask them. And don't make decisions for them by assuming they are "too busy" to participate.

**Listen.** Those who have a lot to say have a lot to learn from those who don't. Just because a Grange member is not outspoken, does not mean their opinion does not count. Listening is a much more difficult skill to

master than talking, and much more rewarding. If you don't listen to your members, they'll make you listen with their ballots.

**Pat on the back.** A simple "thank you" is easy to give and much appreciated. Too often, we forget. A small mention in your newsletter, or a little fuss made over a member at a

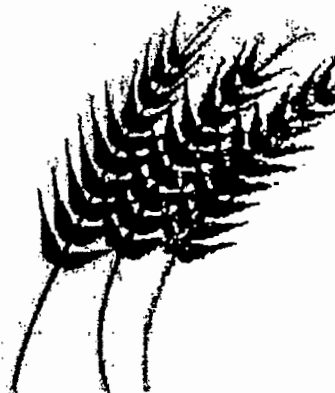
meeting goes a long way and will be returned ten-fold in dedicated service.

**Balance.** The relationship between the members and the leaders of the Grange must be based on faith, trust, and mutual respect. Everyone has a voice. Decisions must be shared. As a leader, if you have reached the point where you are no longer accessible or open-minded, it is time to step down. If all the programs and projects in a Grange are managed by the same small group of members, it is time for new projects and new faces.

Our well being depends on our willingness and ability to get along with one another and work together. Only in this way will we provide for one another and best serve our communities. If you are not having fun, something is wrong.

As we improve and grow, we must be prepared in mind and spirit to work together in harmony. When we have convinced ourselves that we can do that, we can convince others to join us.

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## New and Improved Website

We have re-designed the California State Grange website ([www.californiagrango.org](http://www.californiagrango.org)). The new and improved site has a fresh look with easy navigation and full color graphics. The new member section has a wealth of forms and documents available, including Executive Committee meeting minutes. Users can access this information by choosing "Login" from the menu and providing the annual word. There are pages for our programs, such as Community Services, Health Resources, Junior Grange, Lecturer, Legislative, Women's Activities, Youth and Youth Fair.



The Pressroom site has been moved to the new site and can be accessed under the News menu. We are also in the process of adding an calendar feature where Granges can add upcoming events. We are continuing our efforts to make our site friendly and useful.

Have an upcoming event you wish to publish on our website? Send an e-mail to webmaster Rick Keel at:

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## Editor's Notes

By JD Hartz

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## Welcome to CGN

As you can see, we are changing the way we've always dunnit! Your Grange News is one part of a multi-faceted plan to keep you informed about the Grange.

Due to budgetary constraints, the Grange News will be printed and mailed to you quarterly. We are also making it a news magazine instead of a tabloid newspaper. We envision the publication as being the horse-drawn surrey with the fringe on top, taking the scenic country drive route on the information byways. We hope to entertain you with news about the Grange, informing you on what your fellow Grangers are doing throughout the state. It is designed to fit as one of several vehicles in a multi-faceted plan of creating a Grange informational super-highway system.

For breaking news and vital information that needs updating on a timely basis, we plan to use the Grange website. Here you will find information on events and meetings and be able to download calendars and forms. Registration forms for events can be sent in when YOUR plans are set, without hoping you saved the Grange News that it was in 8 weeks ago. Legislative action, important notices, all will be current events when you read them, not ancient history. The site will be updated frequently and you will be briefed and up-to-date in the time it takes to click on the Internet.

All of this is still under construction. We have added to our part-time staff Rick Keel, who is our webmaster. He will also assist in most of the PR production, including this magazine.

Finally, we are still offering the option of receiving this magazine only electronically and not in the mail. If you wish to opt out of receiving a printed and mailed copy, please go to [californiagrango.org](http://californiagrango.org) and "Login" (you will need the annual word). You must include your e-mail address so that we have a place to send the electronic version.

Let us know what you think of the new format.

Fraternally,

J.D. Hartz  
Editor

## Cover Story

# Rebuilding the Rutherford Grange

By JD Hartz

On June 12, 1914, Mr. Frank L. Hunt and a small group of family farmers gathered in Yount Township in Napa County to start a new Subordinate Grange, Rutherford Grange #371. Two years later, on June 17, 1916 Rutherford Grangers dedicated their hall. Their membership had increased to 165 members.

Jump ahead 93 years. Both the Rutherford Grange organization and the hall were in sad shape. The structure of the building was in need of repair, and the structure of the Grange itself was almost non-existent. The hall, it was found, had a migrating wall, broken trusses and other problems that needed immediate attention. There were now just four members, making it an impossible task.

The Membership Director for the California State Grange at the time was Bob McFarland. Working with a handful of interested citizens from Napa and Rutherford, they generated enough interest to hold a revitalization meeting on June 9, 2009. It was determined that the Rutherford Grange should persevere, and many of those original 19 were sworn in as officers of the Rutherford Grange. Construction on both the hall and the organization has been going on ever since.

President and construction crew chief of the Rutherford Grange is Susan Hirschy. She and her team have taken the Rutherford Grange membership in just 9 months from four to 64 members. And they are still growing. The goal for June, 2011 is to have 165 members, the same as originally moved into the hall in 1916.

The hall is also well on its way to recovery. There are plans to renovate both inside and out, but those plans also call for returning the hall to its roots, restoring it to its 1916 luster. We asked Sue to comment on renovations:

"Thanks to the State Grange loaning us funds and some really generous donations from Napa Valley residents, we are on our way to repairing the truss system and re-roofing. Our goal and the wishes of the community is that Rutherford Grange be sensitively restored to its historic Shingle-style cladding, adding back some of the eave and corbel details that were removed in the 60s, when stucco was added to the exterior. Mostly, we are thrilled to be on the way to keeping the rains out and becoming

a participating part and cornerstone building of the beautiful, mid-Valley township of Rutherford."

We also asked her what they were doing to grow the Grange.

"We've re-implemented the Ranch Style Breakfasts of the past, which have been very successful in bringing the community together. The produce is local and organic. We have marketing and hospitality events to bring consumers to the local businesses; we have begun a Rutherford Children's Chorus, started a Lecture Series on Topics of Interest to the Community and Members, and opened our doors to the Public, many of which had never been inside the Grange.

"Our favorite question is "What is a Grange?" Boy, are we getting good at answering that. People are impressed with the building, history of the Grange Movement and want to be a part of it, however large or small.



Rutherford Grange Hall

"We want to offer a home to a theatre company and we have many wine tastings, craft fairs, along with our Spring Ball, Harvest to Table event and a Dinner Theatre night planned. We are planning Family Movie Nights, Spaghetti Dinners and Socials. We do as much as we can without overtaxing the members we have, but so far people have stepped up willingly to take responsibility. We've become a group of good friends, a family actually, that wants to help do what Granges do, support the agricultural

community and community at large and help them to thrive.

We also asked her if she had any advice to other Granges which are trying to revitalize their organization in the community.

"Start by passing out fliers a few day prior to your meetings in the immediate surrounding neighborhoods inviting them to come drive the direction of the Grange, get e-mails with your applications and make sure people know the grange is there for them. Reach out to local businesses who will benefit with programs you can implement, let 4-H, boy and girl scout troops know you have a low-cost venue to offer them and put up a website (\$99 a year), facebook page and events calendar. It will be instrumental in gaining and keeping track of those interested and all their great ideas."

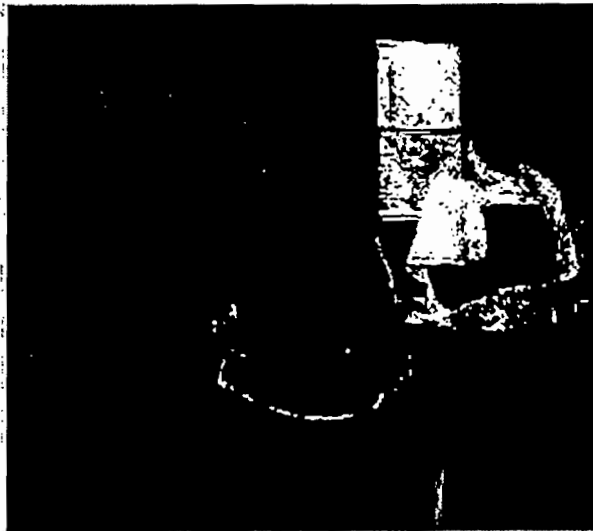
We congratulate Rutherford Grange, and all the Granges in the State who are working to return the Grange to its roots by making their local Grange an integral asset to their communities.

# 2010 is Our Year... April is Our Month

**A**pril is Grange Month. There won't be a better opportunity this year to grow your membership. Typically, a community Grange will waive dues for the remainder of the year for any new members signing up during April. Every Grange should already have special projects in the works to make the most out of Grange Month. *2010 is our year and April is our month.*

We have the best opportunity in decades to close this year showing a positive growth in membership. As you know, our membership has been steadily declining for many years. The survival of our organization depends on each and every one of us making our best effort to bring friends, family and neighbors into the Grange, to share our good work, our good times and our camaraderie.

The first thing you must do to grow your membership is to **open your doors**. Sounds simple, but you'd be surprised to find how many Granges think they are a private club and don't welcome new members. Folks, this is not a Grange!



Sean, Caroline and Steve Bird are obligated into the Pleasant Valley Grange.

Invite the community into your hall and let them know what the Grange is all about. You don't need a special speech or scholar's knowledge of Grange history. You just need to talk about what your Grange does, who your members are, and how much fun you're having together.

Show an interest in your guests and learn about them. How do their interests and skills fit into your Grange?

What does your Grange have planned for Grange Month? Here are some tried-and-true ideas for a successful membership drive.

**Community Night.** Invite the community to attend a free family movie at your Grange. Advertise it in the local papers and with flyers in the local schools. Provide refreshments, like fresh popcorn and beverages.

Ask your guests to fill out a form with their contact information to be entered in a drawing that night for a prize. The prize doesn't have to be much – perhaps a pizza from a local restaurant.

Before the movie starts, take an opportunity to talk about your Grange and answer any questions your guests may have. Don't take too long, don't over-sell. But don't let them leave without a brochure or flyer inviting them to join.

**Talent Contest.** Stage a talent contest open to your members and the community. If you are successful attracting a good line-up of acts, you'll find the hall will be filled with contestants, and their friends and family. Again, don't miss the opportunity to talk about the Grange and invite them to join. Award prizes for the winners and encourage them to compete in regional or State Grange talent competitions.

**Free Spaghetti.** Feed the community. Invite them to join you for a free spaghetti dinner on the Grange. Show off the hall and provide some entertainment. If the spaghetti is good, they'll be open to hearing about the Grange and inclined to join.

Finally, the State Grange is here to help, not only in April but throughout the year. We can help you plan an event. Our Public Relations Department can help you get out the word. Our Ambassadors are specially trained to assist you with membership growth, and our Deputies are always there to lend a helping hand. We want you to succeed. Give us a call (916) 454-5805.



**Membership forms are available at the California Grange website: [www.californiagrang.org](http://www.californiagrang.org)**



## Grange Summer Camp 2010

### Music, Mirth & Magic In the Mountains

Imagine... you wake up in your cozy cabin from a peaceful night's sleep and meander down to the dining hall, where a hearty breakfast of hot cocoa, yummy strawberry pancakes and sweet, smoky bacon await you.

Laugh with friends as you plan your day. Are you going on the group hike to spectacular Lassen National Park? Why not try your luck trout fishing in the camp pond? Or you could just relax with a good book under the tall firs and pines. Maybe... you'll do all three!

In the afternoon, take a beginning guitar lesson or a mask-making workshop or how about Yogi's Yoga and Yogurt class. At night, roast some marshmallows at the campfire, sing along, go star-gazing, or take in the movie showing in the hall. Don't miss the Talent Show!

### There's more fun stuff to do at Grange Summer Camp than you can shake a stick at!

This summer we return to beautiful Camp Tehama near the entrance to spectacular Lassen National Volcanic Park for four days of *Music, Mirth and Magic!* Camp Tehama is very clean and well maintained, with a marvelous hall, campfire circle, hot showers and our very own stocked trout pond. The camp is located half-way between Red Bluff and Susanville on Highway 36.

Grange Summer Camp will be four days and nights, July 21 - 24. Check out on July 25. It's the best vacation bargain around. Camp rates are \$70 for adults for full camp or \$20 per day, and \$50 for juniors and youth through age 22 for full camp or \$18 per day. Rates include all meals and accommodations.

Get your registration in early so we can plan ahead for a fun camp. Campers under 18 must have a parent or advisor assigned to them. Except for families, groups with both boys and girls must have male and female advisors and there is no coed housing.

Everyone is welcome at Grange Summer Camp. Come by yourself or bring your friends and family. There's plenty to do, and see, and share.

Fill out and mail in the registration form on this page. Registration forms are also available at our website: [californiagränge.org](http://californiagränge.org).

Spring 2010

### CAMP REGISTRATION FORM Grange Summer Camp Camp Tehama, Tehama County July 21 - July 25, 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grange: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor attending with me: \_\_\_\_\_

*Except for families, boys and girls must be accompanied by male and female advisors. One advisor is required for every 4 participants. I give my permission for the above named dependent to have emergency care if required. I also will be responsible for the costs of such medical care if required.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent or guardian)

Make check payable to the California State Grange.  
Registration should be received by June 30, 2010.

You may also register at camp.  
Mail to: California State Grange  
3830 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95817  
916-954-5805

Please use a separate form for each registrant. Make check payable to the California State Grange. Information will be sent upon registration.

\_\_\_\_ full camp OR \_\_\_\_ days

Total Enclosed for this registrant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \$70.00 Full Camp, \$20.00 per day  
Youth & Juniors: \$50.00 Full Camp, \$18.00 per day

Visitors who wish to have a meal, but not stay the night may reserve meals. Adults and Youth \$7.00 each, Juniors \$5.00 each.



Happy campers enjoy a healthy hike in Lassen National Park during Family Camp 2009.

photo by Marfa Kroger

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# Halls Were Built to Stay in the Grange Family

By Bob McFarland

When it comes to the question of what happens if a Grange wishes to *sell, encumber or transfer* real property, such as a Grange hall, our bylaws are clear. Such an action requires a process to be completed by the membership of that Grange and the approval of the Executive Committee and Master of the State Grange.

This process is spelled out in the National Grange Digest of Laws, Article XI. These bylaws are available for viewing and downloading from the members' log in section of the California State Grange website: [californiagrango.org](http://californiagrango.org).

When we take our Oath of Obligation, we pledge to abide by our National, State and community Grange bylaws. Our community Grange bylaws and articles of incorporation also provide that we will abide by the National and State Grange bylaws.

We take great pride in knowing that many of our halls were built by the hands of our Grange ancestors. And they must have felt great pride in knowing they created a marvelous resource to be enjoyed by generations of Grangers yet to come. With respect for their original intention and purpose, it is our responsibility to see that these halls remain in the Grange family.

You want to believe that a Grange membership would not consider selling or transferring its hall unless it is the only option available. And if it truly is the only option available, the Executive Committee and Master should approve the sale without prejudice.

Granges should not sell their halls simply because they have less than thirteen members. There are many Granges that have six active members or less and are still carrying on in the Grange tradition and serving their communities.

Nor do I support the selling of a Grange hall by a membership that has grown tired and simply wants to liquidate and cast-off the assets. I respect the many years of service and dedication of these members, and I must believe that, given a choice, they would rather see those doors remain open and pass the torch to a new

generation of Grangers to carry on their good work.

And in particular, I am bound to do everything within my power to prevent and prosecute any individual who seeks to sell a Grange for personal profit.

If you sell your hall, do so knowing that those Grange doors will never be open again. And perhaps years and decades of faithful service to that community will blow away like dust in the wind. If you don't believe me, come to our State office in Sacramento and I will give

you a sad tour of fading regalia, photo albums, books of minutes, and gavels stacked in dark rooms and closets, never again to see the light of day.

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*"We are not real estate agents.  
We are in the business of serving  
communities."*

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To my way of thinking, the moon, the sun and Venus must line up in the heavens before we sell or transfer a Grange hall. Witness the recent organizations of vacant Grange halls in Biggs, Eastlake, Visalia, Rutherford, Fowler, and Sacramento, and soon to come, Davis Creek and Lucerne Valley.

We are not real estate agents. We are in the business of serving communities. It is very difficult to do so, without a hall. Just ask the several Granges that now meet at restaurants and pine for the days before their hall burned down, or they handed it over to a church, or they sold it.



As brothers and sisters, we must help faltering Granges. At the State Grange, it is our duty to find the enthusiasm and resources to lead this effort. We stand ready to encourage and assist a Grange, when they need help to rebuild their membership.

It is our shared responsibility to ensure that our bylaws are respected and to prevent misguided members from deliberately or accidentally *selling, encumbering or transferring* Grange property without following the process. In support of this effort and to dissuade anyone with less than honorable intentions, the Executive Committee has established a legal trust fund with an initial balance of \$50,000 that will be used in the event legal action is necessary to uphold our bylaws.

If we work together with mutual respect and understanding, such measures will never be necessary.

## Lecturer's Notes

by Buzz Chernoff

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**B**ack to our roots. What does that mean? What are our roots? We know about Kelley and Saunders and the other founders of the Grange, and we know that the early Grange was instrumental in getting legislation passed on the regulation of the railroads, the so-called Grange Laws, but what about the regular members? What was the Grange to them?

There are several books on the history of the Grange, but the one I like best for describing the workings of a community Grange was given to me by Larry Krueger entitled *History of the Danville Grange*, by Ross Smith. In the book Smith uses Grange minutes, notes and newspaper articles to reconstruct the early days of the Danville Grange when the area was rural and the Grange served as a hub for the farming community. In those days farm families were often isolated from each other and the Grange Hall served as a place where they could come together to share the news of the day, farming practices and improvements, new skills and methods, and most importantly, each others company. The Grange was the gathering place, a vital center to the community. That is our heritage, one of our deepest roots.

How can we get back to that, to being the vital center of our communities? First your community needs to know that you exist. It is hard to be vital if you are unknown. If all your Grange events are limited to current Grange members, then chances are you are pretty much an unknown in your community. How many new faces have you seen in your Grange over the past few months? How many community members ask when the next Grange event is happening? If you haven't seen many new faces, and if no one in the community seems to care what is going on at your Grange, then the chances are pretty good that your Grange is not vital to the community and that the roots of your Grange need some tending.

A few years back when they were involved with membership, Rich Saxe and Jan Saxton developed a talent contest in a box for Granges to use as a way of getting the community into their Halls. Those Granges that choose to put on a talent contest found that it really worked. Folks came to the Grange Hall to see and cheer on the local talent. Some Granges have held voters or candidate forums, where the community meets local candidates and learns how they stand on issues of relevance. Other Granges have community variety shows, breakfasts, dinners, swap meets, and other events that brings the community into the Hall. This is the road to making your Grange vital to the community. More recently, several Granges have sponsored Farmers Markets where local growers, big and small, come to the Grange to sell homegrown healthy fresh foods. Like in simpler times, the market serves not only as a

place for folks to get good food, but also as a place to gather and socialize. Does that sound familiar? It should, because that is what the early Grange was all about. Getting folks together to get things done, whether that be in exchanging food, tools, information, etc. or a new song or dance step.

It is encouraging to see that the State Grange is taken action, not only words, in going back to our roots. This year a farmers market will be held in the parking lot of the State Grange Headquarters. Soon neighbors who didn't even know the Grange existed will know that it's the place where they hold a Saturday Farmers Market. A new performance arts center is being established in one of the unoccupied buildings on the headquarters property which will serve as the temporary home for the Sacramento City College Theater. When the college is not using the facility, it will be available for other events. Folks who take in these events will learn that the Grange promotes the arts and education and is serving a vital role in the community. I look forward to the day when the question is not "What is the Grange," but rather the statement, "The Grange sure has some great things going on in this community and I want to be a part of it."

If we are to be true to our heritage, and return to our roots, we must become vital to the community. There are lots of ways to go about doing this, some of which can be found on the Lecturer's page of the CSG website, others on the National website. But reading about it will not make it happen. Like the advertisement says, Just Do It! You will be amazed at how quickly you can change the image of the Grange in your community, and how responsive the community will be. With just a little effort and a lot of fun, we can get back to our roots and return to our role as a vital force within the community. It is up to each of us to make it happen.

### Newly Crowned Almond Queen



Lovely Hannah Müller was crowned the Capay Valley Almond Queen in the 95th annual pageant held March 6 at the Western Yolo Grange. Hannah was born just up the road at the Full Belly Farm and has lived all her life in the area. She is a member of the Western Yolo Grange and plans to attend college in Oregon where she will study sociology. Pictured: Mary and Frank Nichols with Hannah.



# GWA MEMO

By Betty Eyer

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I read for a writer the first sentence is the hardest to write. I believe it, and here I sit in front of my computer trying to get that first sentence...

OK first I would like to thank Marie Koskela who has resigned as Regional Director for Region 3 for the past 10 years. SPECIAL THANKS MARIE YOU WILL BE MISSED!!

Maryalice Candini will be the new Regional Director for Region 3, Mendocino and Lake County. Maryalice lives in Little River which is just a few miles from Fort Bragg. It will be a joy having Maryalice joining our State Directors. Another one to our team is Patty Fullerton of Meadow Vista, Region 6. Patty will be an assistant to Ruth Verrue who has been a Regional Director for many years to count. Welcome aboard Patty.

There will be no changes made this year in the GWA Program or Projects. The Dictionary and Shriner's Hospital projects are going strong by the reports I receive.

Please keep on collecting stamps and I know there are many other projects that you as GWA are doing for your community, also keep track of those community hours and report them to your Regional Directors or to me.

Just a reminder—we will be doing the Apron Fashion Show by request again this year. The aprons were great last year and lets see what we can come up with this year for State Convention. I will be writing more about the GWA'S programs and what is in store for GWA at State for this year.

**APRIL IS GRANGE MONTH  
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

**LET'S COME UP WITH NEW IDEAS TO INSPIRE NEW MEMBERS AND HELP OUR GRANGES GROW**



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# Are You Costing Us Money?

By Kalie Benson, Secretary, California State Grange  
 If you are amongst the 70% of Granges in California that turn in your quarterly reports and dues payments on time, thank you.

Like subordinate Granges, the California State Grange is required to submit quarterly reports and make dues payments to the National Grange. Penalties apply if these reports and payments are not made on time, and so we diligently submit these in a timely manner. For these reports and payments, the State Grange must use the most current information available.

But what if a subordinate Grange is not current with their quarterly reporting? In extreme cases a subordinate Grange can be two years behind. Many Granges routinely turn in reports six months late.

When the State Grange reports and makes payments to National Grange based on old information, more often than not we are paying more than we should. On an annual basis, the average paid to National Grange because of late reporting subordinate Granges amounts to thousands of dollars. It also adds unnecessarily to our staff's workload that must make extra efforts to track these delinquent Granges.

This is an unacceptable waste of time and money. Granges that report on time are subsidizing unnecessary costs caused by Granges that are not reporting on time. How do your members feel about that?

Example: It is the first quarter of 2010. The Smith Grange is 6 months behind and the last report submitted was for June, 2009 showing 100 members.

The State Grange must report to National and pays dues for Smith Grange based on the most current information available, showing 100 members.

The Smith Grange finally submits their delinquent reports officially showing only 80 members. The State Grange has overpaid National dues for 20 members that didn't exist. The overage is not recoverable.

At the state-wide Deputy meeting held March 6, this problem was discussed. Officers representing several Granges volunteered to write a resolution requiring that Granges reimburse the State Grange for any unnecessary dues paid to National Grange as a result of their late reporting. Such a resolution would put the responsibility for these costs on the responsible parties.

Alternatively, all of this would be avoided if Granges submit their quarterly reports and dues on time.

Spring 2010

## Elk Grove Sponsors Time Capsule

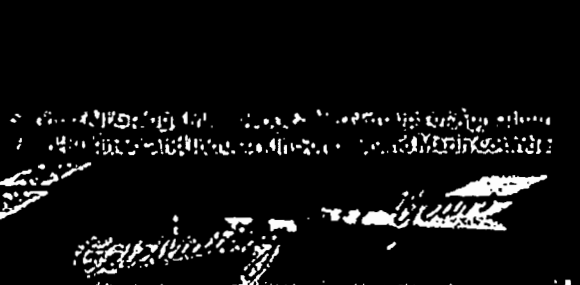


On February 16, the Elk Grove Grange presented a check for a \$1,000.00 sponsorship in the Elk Grove Time Capsule. In the photo Jaequi Langenberg, Management Analyst, City of Elk Grove, Elk Grove Master Howard Siffert and Jim Enricant, President of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

## Residential Loans Really

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*To my way of thinking, nothing we do as leaders is more important than letting our members know we care about them.*

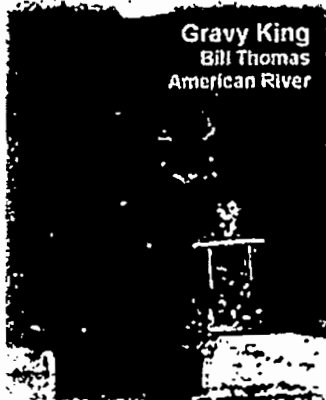
By Bob McFarland, Master

The most pleasurable, rewarding and effective way to accomplish this is to reach out to our members by visiting them. I enjoy traveling our state meeting members, visiting halls and communities, and want to share these experiences with you. And so, I offer this travelogue for your enjoyment. If you don't find anything of interest, it also makes an excellent litter box liner.

**FRESHWATER - 1/3/10**

January 3, I'm meandering down country roads east of Eureka, passing rich green fields surrounded by stands of old-growth redwoods, as the morning mist rises like steam off the tin roofs of rustic red barns. Arriving at the tiny farming community of Freshwater, I am pleased to see several residents walking along dirt roads, heading straight for the Grange. Like a scene from a Norman Rockwell painting, a little girl holds her father's hand tightly, skipping with delight toward the hall and the wonderful smell of the delicious breakfast that waits for her.

The Freshwater Grange is a large, antique hall filled with memories captured by photographs proudly displayed in a glass case. Patina-warms brass name plates attached to the tops of old wooden chairs, designating where officers have sat and held meetings since 1932.



**Gravy King**  
Bill Thomas  
American River

Following my nose, I cross the auditorium to a small staircase in the corner and down a few steps to the basement. A handful of Grangers are crowded behind a kitchen counter preparing breakfast. Joining the line descending the stairs, you

get a tasty view of sausages sizzling on the grill and your appetite soars. Smiling children reach across the counter for plates full of whole grain pancakes, real maple butter and delicious home-made fruit compote. A healthy, hearty breakfast that puts IHOP to shame.

I'm greeted warmly by Grange Master Laura Sullivan and her husband Patrick. Laura has been the Master since 2006. They have three Grange children together.



**Placer County Past Masters**



**Breakfast at Freshwater**

About twenty-five people are seated at bench tables in the small, cozy basement. But it wasn't always so comfy. Laura tells the harrowing story of how the basement often flooded from ground water and runoff. With help from the members community and the California Conservation Corps, it took the better part of a year to fix the problem and clean up the mess. The dedication of Laura, Patrick and the members of Freshwater Grange are amazing. Together they've revived the hall and preserved it as a valuable resource for this isolated community.



**HUMBOLDT POMONA**

On the same day, it was my pleasure to join the Humboldt County Pomona meeting held at the Rhoner Grange, where I had the honor of installing officers for six Granges. I was humbled to be in the same room with these Grangers, many with more than 50 years of Grange service.

This was the first opportunity to try out the new, abbreviated installation ceremony approved at the National Grange Convention in November. The essence of the ceremony remains but it takes much less time. There were no complaints.



**Humboldt County Installations**



Wayne & Barbara, Buena Vista

A very nice lunch was prepared. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we shared thoughts and ideas of how we can grow the Grange.

**EAST LAKE - 2/27/10**

The East Lake Grange in Lake County has finally been re-organized after sitting vacant and unattended for many years. Vandals broke out many windows and

an unattended plumbing leak ruined the carpet. For these kinds of reasons, we must make it a priority to find new memberships for our vacant halls.

The Little Lake Grange, in case you didn't know, is housed in a circa 1930 elementary school. Several classrooms are rented out to local businesses. There is a very large auditorium with a proscenium stage. On the backside of the property is a mobile home park that provides the Grange with an impressive income.



Skippin' to Freshwater

But any Grange is only as good as its members. Well, the members of Little Lake Grange are remarkable. A mixed bag of stimulating individuals serving their community with programs focused on education, disaster preparedness, and support of the local economy and producers. Plus they know how to have fun!

New members were obligated and officers installed at a well attended meeting February 27. The new Master Diane Beaver, her husband Gary and Pat Gilbert have devoted much their time making repairs and renovations to the hall, and getting things in order. Plans are in the works to renovate the kitchen, and hold community fund-raising events.

**LITTLE LAKE - 1/14/10**

On January 14, I visited the Little Lake Grange in the town of Willits, about two hours north of San Francisco on Highway 101. This is a happening Grange.

For one thing, they've just completed a major overhaul of their kitchen, thanks in part to \$70,000 in grants from the USDA and North County Opportunities. The White House doesn't have a nicer kitchen. It is huge, amazingly functional and capable of serving an entire community.

Wyandotte Baby Cakes



This evening I had the pleasure of installing new Master Karina McAbee and other officers. All of us joined in honoring past Master Erica Bruce and long-time member Hank Strock.

**FORT BRAGG - 1/8/10**

Just a 45 minute drive west through a magnificent red wood forest, is the coastal town of Fort Bragg where on January 8th attending the Fort Bragg Grange business meeting, conducted by newly elected Master Marty Johnson.

They don't call it Fort Bragg for nothing. This Grange loves to boast about their famous pancake breakfasts where they have served as many as 750 people in a single day! That's a lot of \$\$ dough!

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Bob & Tom with new Coyote Master



## 2010 State Grange Events

March 21	Executive Committee Meeting	State Grange Office	9:00 am
May 16	Executive Committee Meeting	TBA	9:00 am
June 10-13	Youth Conference	West Visalia Grange	
July 17	Grangestock	Orangevale Grange	11:00 am
July 21-25	Family Camp	Camp Tehama	
October 13-17	138th Annual State Convention	Mt. Hamilton Grange, San Jose	

### Grange Events Around The State

**Prindale Grange**  
 Rainbows Of Spring  
 March 25, 2010, starting from 11:30 am

**Safed Bar Luncheon and Fun Bingo**  
 \$8 per person  
 (834) 663-4327 or 449-4021

**Pleasant Valley Grange**  
 Pancake Breakfast  
 4700 Pleasant Valley Grange Road  
 Pleasant Valley  
 April 3, 2010, 8:00 am to 11:00 am  
 (530) 644-1602

**Orangevale Grange**  
 100 Years Of Community  
 5807 Walnut Avenue, Orangevale  
 April 10, 2010, 11 am to 4 pm

Experience the past and take some of it home.  
 Participate in old time crafts, food, quilting, spinning, beekeeping, and the Toilet Bowl Challenge.  
 916-988-0806  
 OrangevaleGrange354@gmail.com

Got an event? We want to know.  
 Send us your information.  
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**San Diego/Pomona Grange**  
 Youth Fair, Spaghetti Dinner  
 April 24, 2010  
 Contact: Suzy Moramarco (760) 489-9502

**American River Grange**  
 Rancho Cordova Living History Day  
 2720 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova  
 May 1, 2010, 11 am to 4 pm

Free hands-on activities, games, performances, and demos for all ages!  
 (916) 852-0368  
 AmericanRiverGrange@yahoo.com

**Capay Grange**  
 Dinner Show  
 25010 Post Ave, Orland  
 May 15, 2010, 6:00 pm

**National Grange**  
 50th Anniversary  
 Washington, D.C.  
 June 26, 2010, 1:00 pm  
 (888) 4-GRANGE

**Thermalito Grange**  
 Friday Farmer's Market  
 479 Plumas Ave, Thermalito  
 Fridays, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
 (530) 532-4539





## Youth Director Report

by Marta Kroger

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Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that it has been almost five months since I was appointed Youth Director. So many exciting things have happened since that time. I am pleased to announce that we now have a new Grange Youth web page: [www.californiagranger.org/youth](http://www.californiagranger.org/youth). I would encourage all youth to visit the website and look over the program opportunities available. Applications for the programs are available from the website for download. The registration form for Youth Conference is available online and printed on the back cover of this magazine.

I would like to go over a few of the opportunities available to the youth this year. Horizon Youth Leadership Ambassadors are chosen to serve the state and to act as leaders for the youth. One male and one female ambassador are chosen by application and interview at the Youth Conference. Applications and a full list of requirements are on the website and applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The California State Grange Officer Team opens one day of the Annual State Grange Convention in the 4th Degree. This year, there will be an application process for the officer positions. Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup> and more information along with the application can be downloaded from the website.

The 5th Degree Team exemplifies the 5th degree at the Annual State Grange Convention. The 5th Degree team will be chosen by application. Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup> and applications are available on the website.

All Grange members from the ages of 14-35 are considered Youth/Young Adult Grange Members. Any Youth/Young Adult Grange member is invited to apply for these positions, provided the age requirements of the specific program are met. I look forward to receiving your applications.

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By Buzz Chernoff

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Several Granges throughout the state hold candidate forums. It's not only a good way to inform the electorate but also a way to let your community learn what the Grange is doing and why they should want to be a part of it. You can get a detailed list of instructions for putting on a candidate's forum, as well as a sample press package with a press release and flyer, by going to the Lecturers page on the new and improved State Grange website: [www.californiagrango.org](http://www.californiagrango.org). Once your Grange sees how easy it is to do, and the benefits to be gained, there is really no excuse not to put democracy in action.

We are very pleased to announce the addition of



to our leadership team as the California Junior Grange Director for 2010. Michele is from the Coyote Grange, which has nearly 100 Junior Grangers in her program!

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### Fellow Grangers:

The US Census Bureau has contacted the State Grange looking for public meeting places to conduct census interviews.

If any of you are interested in providing the use of your hall for this purpose, you may contact Peter Stirling for more information at:

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But that's not all they do. Here's a Grange with an active and informed membership, and programs that serve the community. They are clearing nearly an acre of the property and putting in a garden. They partner with other organizations, like the Noyo Food Forest, to provide educational opportunities to improve the quality of life for the people of Fort Bragg.

#### GARCIA – 1/9/10

A little bird told me that the remote Garcia Grange was having a crab feed on January 9, and that's all it took to lure me down from Fort Bragg. Located on the coast



Patrick and Larry

near Point Arena, the Grange is an hour drive south, along Highway 1, complimented with spectacular ocean views around every curve.

At the Garcia Grange I'm greeted by two old friends, Beverly Battaglia and Howard Cole, recent transplants from our home Grange in Pleasant Valley. They've adapted well and introduce me to Master Tresla Sarra.

Today, Tresla is frantically preparing to serve 400 crab dinners. She and her crew were very courteous, considering my intrusion. Not once did they curse me to my face, but graciously turned aside.

The hall is enormous. One of the largest in the state. The grounds are magnificent, on a plateau high above the ocean.



Pleasant Valley GWA

Tresla generously offered me five fresh crabs, as long as I agreed to leave. Wendy, the kids and I were most grateful to the good folks at Garcia Grange, as we feasted later that night on the tasty crustaceans. Where else, I wonder, can I manage to get in the way?

#### BIGGS COMMUNITY – 1/4/10

One of the most rewarding things you can do is to re-organize a Grange or open a new one. We've been quite fortunate in the last few months with the re-organizations of the East Lake Grange, W. Visalia Grange, Sacramento Grange, Redwood Grange, and Fowler Grange. And we are working on Lucerne Valley and Davis Creek.

What a wonderful way of celebrating the first day of a new year, starting the brand new Biggs Community Grange, housed in the old dissolved Biggs Grange hall. Like East Lake, this hall sat dormant for many, many years. Bats had taken over the building. The elements had taken a heavy toll on the bathrooms, kitchen and exterior.

With help from Richard Roth of the Chico Grange, a fresh new membership has moved in and made considerable progress cleaning and restoring the hall. We installed

officers on January 16. Master Sergio Garcia and Overseer Rosa Villalpando have signed up 25 new members and promise to have 100 by year's end. Keep an eye on this Grange. They are setting the pace for the rest of us.

#### COYOTE – 1/28/10

Coyote Grange, just south of San Jose, has a rich history and thriving membership that includes young and old alike.

On January 28, I was pleased to attend the full ceremonial installation of officers for 2010, aptly performed by our good friend Tom Sawyer,



Jerry and Dale making gravy

member of the Coyote Grange and President of the Grange Foundation.

On that same evening, I asked Michele Price to accept the role of the State Grange's Junior Director, and she enthusiastically accepted. We're going to tap Michele's amazing energy and imagination.

#### BUENA VISTA – 1/28/10

The Buena Vista Grange sits on the edge of the fertile Salinas valley. The picturesque hall and countryside should be on a postcard. Match that up with the down-home friendly smiles of these members and you've got a hall that will call you back, time after time.

The hall used to be a church. The colorful stained-glass windows still remain and there's even a Grange logo for one pane. Beautiful light brightens up the small dining room along with everyone's spirits.

Beverly Battaglia and Howard Cole, Garcia



Today is one of the many community feedbag fund-raising events that these folks are famous for – a polenta and beef stew dinner. And what do you do when your dining room only seats about 50 people? You have take-out! A steady stream of cars drives in and out of the parking lot, and folks line up to buy grocery bags full of the delicious dinners. Did I say delicious? I meant *absolutely* delicious.

It's my chance to put faces with names I've heard for a long time, like Wayne Gularte. Buena Vista is a warm and friendly Grange. In the immortal words of The Terminator, "I'll be back."

#### MORGAN HILL – 1/29/10

Spring 2010

Morgan Hill Grange is sometimes called "The Castle". And you can see why. The stone block building looms above the community, looking a little like a set from a Harry Potter movie. The historical significance is noted on a brass plaque near the entrance. Built in 1907, the building was a school before being converted into the Grange in 1937.



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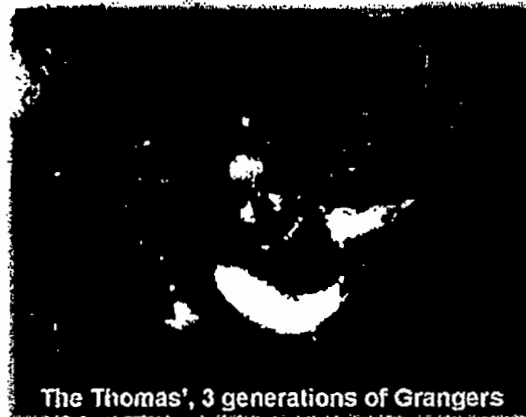
The facility is large and accommodating, with many nooks and crannies. You almost need a map to find your way around. Master Jack Todd and his members have kept this treasure in excellent condition,

even though it is rented much of the time to community organizations. It would be a good candidate for one of our conventions.

#### MT. VERNON PAST MASTERS NIGHT – 2/20/10

It was our great privilege to be invited to attend the Past Masters Night at the Mt. Vernon Grange in Auburn, California. It is a marvelous annual tradition that brings together all of the past Masters from Placer County Granges for an evening of good food, fun, and fond memories.

As Wendy and I sat in the hall, we could not help but feel humbled by the dedication of these Grange members, with 40, 50 and 60's years of service to our organization. Counting heads and doing the math, I realized that, collectively, there were more than 1,000 Grange years



The Thomas', 3 generations of Grangers

represented by these leaders who have remained friends through good times and bad. It was an honor I will not soon forget.

#### PALERMO, BUTTE POMONA – 1/24

January 24, the Butte County Pomona Granges under the  
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capable leadership of President Cheri Bunker decided to put on the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree ceremony at the Palermo Grange and they pulled it off in style. The Palermo Grange will be the site of our 2011 State Convention. Officers from Granges all over Northern California converged to assist with the ritual. It was my pleasure to give a brief presentation on the history of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree.

Afterwards, a wonderful meal was served of fresh breads, fabulous salads, side dishes and desserts, and featuring Cheri's mouth-watering beef stroganoff. Once again, I had the privilege of accepting a bag of leftovers and was told to enjoy them, somewhere else.

PLEASANT VALLEY —  
2/26/10:

The first ever "Put Your Gravy Where Your Mouth Is" challenge was held at the Pleasant Valley Grange during their regular pancake breakfast, February 26. It all started when those braggarts from Orangevale Grange kept running their mouths off about how their biscuits and gravy were the best in the land. Oh, yeah? Amongst some Grangers, *them's fightin' words!*

So the biscuits and gravy taste challenge was on. The judges included State Chaplin Barbara Geiger, Chief Deputy Jack Eyler and good-for-nothing Pleasant Valley Grange misfit, Hank Warda — who somehow managed to give away the trophy to another Grange, *despite my bribe.*

Competing for the trophy were Orangevale, Pleasant Valley, Rio Linda and American River Granges. In the end, American River and Master Bill Thomas were victorious. How did that happen!? So, next year — the contest will be at American River Grange.

SACRAMENTO GRANGE — 3/2/10

The first meeting of the brand-new Sacramento Grange was held March 2 in the conference room of the State Grange office (old Wisteria Hall). In concert with plans to turn the old GBO building next door into a performing arts facility, this Grange is a collection of new and old

members calling themselves "SPAG" — Sacramento Performing Arts Grange. Anyone with a talent or interest in the performing arts is encouraged to join. Interim officers were elected. Seth Taylor from Rio Linda is the Master.

WYANDOTTE BREAKFAST — 3/7/10

When someone tells you he makes the best pancakes in the world, how can you NOT check it out? So, on March 7, I made the trek to the wilds of Butte County and the Wyandotte Grange.

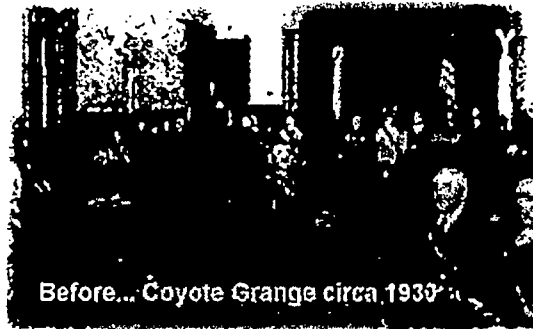
The first thing I noticed was local firefighters helping prepare the breakfast. Grange Master Bob Dyer explains that the firefighters work the breakfast in exchange for use of the hall for their events. A pretty good arrangement.

A steady stream of hungry folk walk through the doors and order Wyandotte's hearty breakfast of big pancakes, a thick ham steak, and fresh eggs. Bob and wife Sandy are kept busy cooking, serving and greeting customers.

Bob carefully guards the recipe for his signature pancakes. Are Bob's pancakes the best in the

world? Well, they are worth a trip through the beautiful countryside to reach the Wyandotte Grange. But given all the pancake breakfasts I attend at Granges around the state, it would not be politically correct to say Bob's are "the best". However, I do know one of his secret ingredients: *salesmanship.*

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By Barbara Geiger  
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Where you may have to grope.  
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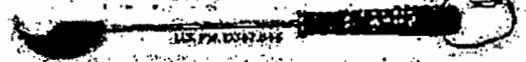
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIGEST

In accordance with resolution 04-034, the following unofficial minutes summarize the meetings of the Executive Committee of the California State Grange.

Sunday January 31, 2010

Call to order

Chairman Larry Kroger called the meeting to order at 9:19 AM

Officers

Master Bob McFarland; Chairman Larry Kroger, Executive Committee: Shirley Baker, Leo Bergeron, Inger Bevans, Jon Luvaas, Martha Stefanoni, Secretary: Kallie Benson.

Guests in attendance: Cheri Bunker, Frank and Marian Nichols, Mike Byers, Maïta Kroger, Ed and Leslie Parker, Buzz Chernoff

Frank Nichols led the pledge of allegiance.

Master's Report

Master Bob McFarland gave the Master's report. He updated us on his travels across the state, sharing pictures from Grange functions and Grange Halls. Biggs, Redwood, and Eastlake have been reorganized. A number of Granges need help. Fowler needs to be reorganized. A couple of halls are in bad shape and need to be looked at: Laytonville, Freshwater. A number of Granges are thriving and are putting on great programs in their community: Fort Bragg, Garcia, Rohrer, Little Lake, Morgan Hill, Mt. Hamilton.

CB Ellis is done being a rent coordinator for us. We are going to take control of renting the buildings and try to rent out some of the parking spaces at \$50 a piece. We are looking at renting the spaces for \$1 or less per square foot. Need to get renters in there fast. McFarland is looking into putting an ad in the yellow pages to rent out the conference room.

After the All letter went out, McFarland has received 3 complaints. McFarland has tried to contact Larry Lozano but has been unsuccessful. A sit-down may be required to fix the problems.

Fowler Grange: Kroger is working on retrieving the escheated funds. Needs a notarized letter from Secretary.

Office problems: continuing to have problems with office equipment and services. Our e-mail is still being handled through Drew Dreshler. Virus problems have put some computers temporarily out of commission, and the network is slow. Eric has been called in to look at our system and he is currently trouble shooting the system. There needs to be a solution.

Memo: of understanding for East Lake Grange and West Visalia Grange. There is debt against the hall. McFarland will follow up with a letter outlining lease agreement and utilities payment.

We have had great success putting membership into vacant halls. Two more vacant Granges need attention: Fair Valley, and Lucerne Valley. El Camino's rent is now current and we're close to closing deals with this hall and Delhi's hall with a title company.

Baker: McFarland is to be commended for his travels. There are also a lot of halls that need help. The property team is ready to get out there and help these people.

Mike Byers: Lake Earl Grange. Mike Byers reported on the profits and losses of Lake Earl Grange. They are losing money because they have lost rental income. They now have new membership, an active Grange Fair program and community based functions that are helping to gain new members. Want to start paying back the CA State Grange. Agreed to pay \$100 a month to get the ball rolling until they get

permanent renters in the front offices and they will then start paying back more. Byers will get this agreement in writing. All the payments are going to interest. Amy Self suggests putting together a committee and conducting an audit.

Crescent Redwood Grange: Hall was closed after attempts to revitalize were unsuccessful. A group that is in there has been renovating the Grange and paying Lake Earl Grange. CA State Grange is still paying utilities and property tax. The 12 step program is now going to pay State Grange and take over the payments. Byers want to reorganize the Grange and says he has people interested to do it. Byers recommends shutting down income from Crescent Redwood to Lake Earl, make Crescent Redwood a Grange again and make a new lease to have them start paying for their bills, now Lake Earl will have to fix their own money problems since they are currently losing money.

Bergeron moved to take Crescent Redwood out of Lake Earl's control and have the CA State Grange take over rental income from the hall. Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 Opposed. Motion Carried.

McFarland moves to appoint Byers to reorganize Crescent Redwood. Bergeron 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Bevans moves to accept any money received on either loan to be applied to the principal for 1 year. McFarland 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Stefanoni moves that McFarland and Byers create an audit team to look at both Granges books. Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Richard Roth of Chico Grange came to the board to discuss programs that would be good for local Granges. He is looking into writing grant proposals to fund programs that would teach nutrition, set up mentoring programs to help kids and give the Grange a roll in actively fighting diabetes. He asks that the Grange and the Foundation help with these costs that would come out to about \$8,500 a year. McFarland forms a sub committee to help Roth with his task. Stefanoni, Bevans, and Luvaas are going to get together with Roth at a break and share e-mails to keep in touch.

GBO Building Proposal

McFarland proposes to turn the GBO building large room into a performing arts center. Buzz Chernoff, Chris Cook and Ryan Halbert have all show interest and are willing to help renovate the room. Sac City College is also interested in the space because they don't have a space for next year. This could help us get the room ready. Chernoff as State Lecturer is interested in using the space for informational meetings, town hall forums, and as a way to promote the Grange. As a musician, a venue in Sacramento that is not a bar would be very valuable.

Cook stresses the community aspect of theater.

Halbert also says the space is ideal for video projection and for shooting video and photos, renting out the space as a studio or art gallery. Since spaces are in need, it's a good time for this kind of thing to happen. Spaces go for \$500 a weekend and are rented in 5 week blocks. Days that are dark can be used for other things. Ticket prices can vary due to the event. Discussion.

McFarland moves to approve a committee to be appointed by the master to come up with a business plan for the GBO building as a performing arts center. Bergeron 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Broke at 12:20 PM for lunch and a tour of the GBO building.

Reconvened at 1:00 PM

Convention 2010

Shirley Baker gave a convention report for the 2010 convention at Mt. Hamilton.

Lodging: Holiday Inn off 4<sup>th</sup> street is \$79 a night and wont nail us down to a block of rooms to be saved. We are still waiting to hear



from Wyndham Hotel and Hampton Inn. Holiday Inn Express on Silicon Valley Road (7.4 miles from hall) has offered a king bed room at \$79. 50 rooms can be held up to 21 days before with no obligation. 75 king bed rooms may be held until 21 days before event with 25 room guarantee of payment, 100 king bed rooms may be held until 21 days before event with a 50 room guarantee of payment from client. Rooms booked within 21 days of the event will be accommodated (if available) at the rates of \$89 King, \$94 double, \$119 suite.

Meals: looking into local high school culinary program.

Layout: the layout looks suitable and since the convention will probably be smaller in an off election year, the hall shouldn't be a problem. 58 parking spaces should be sufficient.

Baker recommends that we stay with Mt. Hamilton as a convention site for 2010. Discussion.

#### Financials:

Amy Self passed out the financials as up to 12/31/2009.

Made recommendations on some accounts that can be closed that will not then incur yearly fees.

Baker moves to close MS Operating New and Wiskeria Half accounts and move them to Wells Fargo. Luvaas 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Bevans declares the need to clean up the fixed asset accounts. The first week in May has been set aside to work on the fixed asset accounts. Bevans, Amy Self and Baker will work on the accounts.

Discussion on accounting practices and the procedures of the billing process.

Baker expresses the need for up to date financials as to make decisions. Amy Self says there needs to be policy in place so she can have reports prepared for the meetings. The new administration is in line with the budget.

McFarland recommends moving the discussion forward.

#### Proposed Youth Budget

Marta Kroger comes to the Executive Committee with a proposed budget for the youth department. Proposed to separate the youth and junior funds and to take the Youth Fair out of it completely. Looking at a youth director, youth fair director and a junior director and different budgets for all of them. The family camp will still be under the youth director.

A budget needs to be proposed by each director taking into account the already approved budget to the Master and on the Master's approval then it will come to the EC.

#### Grange Funds

Bevans reports that there are funds that are about to revert to the AR. Approximately \$15,000 from Riverbank and \$45,000 from Easton in June. According to the newly adopted resolution, the money is first applied to AR debt accrued by property management granges.

#### Discussion

Bevans moves to apply the reverted funds from Riverbank of \$15,000 to Biggs, Hessel, and West Side.

Discussion on who qualifies for these funds.

Bevans amended to include all Granges on the AR which will be Biggs, Hessel, West Side, Eastlake and De Sable to be applied proportionately to their debt. Stefenoni 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

#### Claims, Loan Requests, Office Update

Kroger reported that escheated funds we thought we could claim were already claimed and they had just not updated their records.

Fowler and Roeding need to get certificate of revivers for these Granges so we can claim funds from these.

Janitorial service: There's isn't anything in the budget for a janitorial service for the office. Amy Self came with a proposal for two janitorial services. We have Van Guard right now and it was decided to keep the current service and revisit the agreement at the next meeting. Request from the FFA Foundation to sponsor awards. They are asking

we sponsor 4 awards for \$1200. Discussion.

McFarland moves that we sponsor two of the four awards, Ag Education for \$400 and Emerging Ag Technology for \$400. Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 in favor, Bergeron opposed, Motion Carried.

Rutherford Grange request a loan. \$43,000 to make repairs for safety purposes to their roof. Discussion

Stefenoni moves that we request from Amy the whole amount of the Grange hall loan fund, when the CD matures and then decide to make the loan after we have all the information.

Luvaas amends that we know the net gain of the hall. Friendly amendment accepted.

McFarland moves the question. Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>,

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Computing in the Clouds: Kroger brings to the committee the idea of putting our server on a virtual network. Cost would be from \$100 to \$300 a month. Never have to worry about replacing the server or losing information if our server crashed.

Kroger would like permission to set up a trial program with a virtual server.

McFarland moves that we allow Kroger to use the virtual server on a 6 month trial basis to back up our server and that the passwords should be shared by the Chairman and the Master. Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

#### Master's Fly In

McFarland brings up the Master's Fly in in Florida. Tab would be about \$2000. The money would come out of the National Convention budget.

Baker moves to approve the 12-5-2009 minutes. McFarland 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Baker suggests executive session be moved to the beginning of the meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

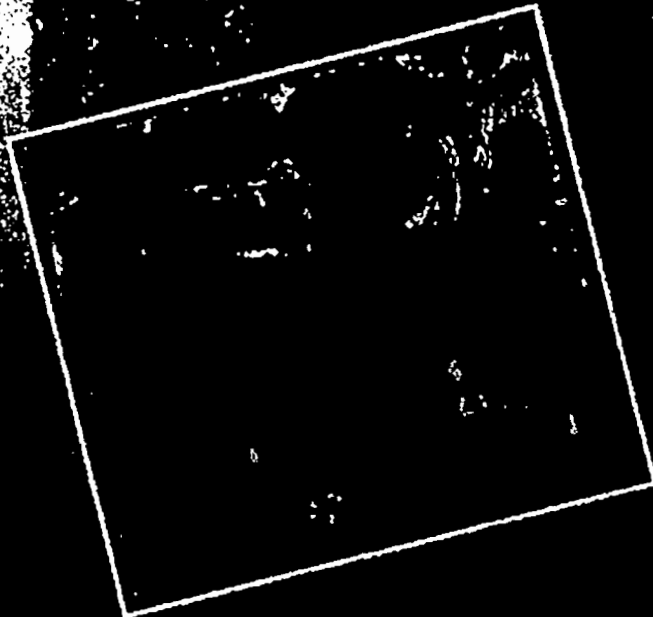
Minutes of Executive Committee meetings are available for viewing in the members only section of the California State Grange website. [www.californiagrang.org](http://www.californiagrang.org)

### American River Living History Day



American River Grange will celebrate Living History Day on May 1 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Horse and buggy rides, games, performances and more. For information phone (916) 852-0368.

# Join us for a fun packed 2010 Youth Conference



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Hotel rooms for the conference may be reserved at the Comfort Inn on West Airport Drive in Visalia for reservations call (559) 251-3700. Our special group rate is \$62/night, so remember that you are with the California State Grange when you make your reservation.

Complete and mail the registration form on this page by May 1, 2010 to the California State Grange.

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grange Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor attending with me: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ under 14 age group \_\_\_\_ 14-20 age group \_\_\_\_ 21+ age group

I give my permission for the above named dependent to have emergency care if required and will be responsible for the costs of such medical care, if required. If special provisions are needed, we will make notification 30 days in advance of the event.

(Signature of parent or guardian)

Please enter me in the:  
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 Age Group:  Youth  Age 30 & older  
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 \* (list name of group and attach)

Use a separate form for each registrant. Make checks payable to the California State Grange. Registration must be received by May 1, 2010.

Mail registration form to:  
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This form is also available at our website  
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## Master's Message

By Bob McFarland

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### The Unfortunate Incident of the SS Husbandry

Aboard the SS Husbandry, the patrons were barely through the port luck line when a terrible rogue wave came along and capsized the ship! Three Granger survivors found themselves together in a row boat on the open sea.

Two old Grangers in the stern of the boat picked up the oars and began rowing. For many, many hours they rowed, until blisters formed on their hands.

A new Granger in the bow offered to help. "No thanks," said the two old Grangers. "We've been rowing a long, long time. We don't need any help." And they tightened their grip around the oars. The new Granger put his chin in his hands and sat there, doing absolutely nothing.



A couple of swimmers came alongside the boat and wanted to climb onboard. One old Granger raised his oar and growled, "You're not getting in our boat!" Startled, the swimmers paddled away.

After awhile, the two old Grangers got into an argument over which way they should row the boat. They stood up and shouted at each other, rocking the boat violently until it nearly capsized and plunged everyone into the turbulent sea. Unable to agree on a course, the old Grangers angrily rowed against each other and the boat traveled round and round in circles.

Once again, the new Granger in the bow offered to help. "Sit down!" he was told. "We know what we're doing." Frustrated, the new Granger stood up and said, "I didn't come onboard to sit on my butt and listen to you two argue!! Don't you realize? This boat is going nowhere!!" And he jumped overboard and disappeared beneath the waves.

The two old Grangers thought, "What a loss. But at least now we have the boat all to ourselves."

Time passed. Exhausted, the old Grangers stopped rowing altogether. The boat drifted aimlessly at the mercy of the currents. Eventually, the old Grangers collapsed and perished. Sometime later, they were found. Their cause of death was ruled to be a fatal combination of foolish pride, stubbornness, and stupidity. To this day, the empty row boat remains dry-docked.

On the other hand... Imagine, if they had agreed on a good course, shared the oars, and welcomed others onboard? Eventually, they may have reached a desert isle, where they could start a new Grange and argue over coconuts.

### Is Broadband In Your Future?

What is broadband? Broadband has to do with Internet access. In many rural areas, only dial-up Internet service is available provided through telephone lines. Compared to broadband, dial-up service is slow and limits the user's access to many features of the Internet, including graphics, sound, and video.

If you are frustrated having to wait minutes for a page or e-mail to be displayed on your computer, chances are you have dial-up service. Alternatively, a user with a broadband connection can expect pages to "load" almost instantly. Broadband connections can also provide access to cable television programming such as you might find on Comcast or Direct TV.

The National and State Grange have long supported the expansion of broadband into rural areas. New government programs are making this dream a reality. Broadband expansion is dependent on local ISPs (Internet service providers) erecting new towers to transmit the signal. The ISPs are seeking to partner with organizations that can provide locations for these towers. Is your Grange possibly one of those host locations?

Details of such a partnership and benefits to a sponsoring Grange are to be determined, perhaps on a case-by-case basis. In the meantime, State Grange Master Bob McFarland is forming a committee to study opportunities for the Grange to participate in broadband expansion.

"Broadband expansion potentially could provide new sources of revenue for Granges," commented McFarland. "Beyond that, it is another opportunity for us to enrich our communities by providing access to the Internet for education and entertainment."

If you have an interest or knowledge, and wish to be on the Broadband Committee, please contact the State Grange at (916) 454-5805.



## Editor's Notes

By JD Hartz

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### Our Agricultural Roots

Writers are admonished to "write what you know and know what you write." The admonition is good for a great many things in life, including the creation of slogans for the growth of the Grange:

How can we "return to our roots" if we don't fully understand what those roots are? The Grange has a proud history and many fine traditions, but like beauty, often a tradition is in the eye and mind of the beholder. Is perception based on facts or pre-conceived notions?

For example, it is generally acknowledged that the Grange's roots are in agriculture. However, there appears to be some divisiveness over the definition of "agriculture" and what the Grange should support.

There is both a semantic and a perceptual issue. They who hand out labels have given the name "traditional" to agricultural practices that utilize laboratory-created chemicals to produce food and fiber. They have given the labels "organic" and "new age" to those that use chemicals created in nature rather than the lab. However, the use of lab chemicals has been around about a century, the use of natural chemicals for millennia. Genetic manipulation in the lab can be counted in decades. Genetic manipulation through cross breeding, splicing, and seed selection since agriculture was invented. Which practice is really "traditional"?

There is the perception among some that the type of agriculture the Grange supports is what today they call "traditional," perhaps stemming from the fact that

for most of their Grange experience policy concerned itself with large, corporate-style farming practices. For most of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, organics was perceived as hobby farming. As our culture changed from agrarian to industrial, from rural to urban, and with the near disappearance of family farms in favor of large mega farms, so changed the issues the Grange advocated:

All things old become new again. The original constituency of the Grange was the family farmer. Family farming was of necessity sustainable, there was no other kind. Sustainable agriculture is once again making its mark on our society, and the vast majority of those practicing and advocating sustainable agriculture are families. These families are joining the Grange for the same reasons people have joined the Grange since 1867. This is truly a return to our roots.

As with everything else in life, there will be differences of opinion. This, too, is an opportunity to return to our roots. Today's society is polarized, with a strong feeling that if you don't agree with me you are all wrong, and if you change your mind to agree with me you are a flip-flopper who cannot be trusted. We need to return to our roots, which includes the art of compromise, of statesmanship and of solving problems rather than attempting to crush them through the sheer weight of words and volume.

This tradition of problem solving should carry over into all of our endeavors. Take membership for example. How often have you heard people say "no, we tried that several years ago and it didn't work?" All they are saying is that it didn't work that time. Perhaps the factor between ho-hum and WOW is you! Your ability to make lemonade out of a pile of lemons will feed our roots and make us grow, instead of dying on the vine.

There is another old tradition in the Grange. When asked to do something, usually a project to increase members and/or funds, the reply is "I'd be delighted." So when asked to help your Grange do things in and for your community, take on the responsibility cheerfully. You may be surprised at how much fun it will be. Remember, you are responsible for your Grange.



# Summer Fun Ahead at Camp Tehama

Summer Camp is just around the corner, July 21 through the morning of July 25. Come for the duration or pick your days. This summer we return to clean, quiet Camp Tehama, just outside the entrance to spectacular Lassen National Volcanic Park.

Imagine... waking up in your cozy cabin from a peaceful night's sleep and meandering down to the dining hall, where hot coffee and a hearty breakfast await you.

What are you going to do today? Join the group hike to Lassen? Catch a few trout from our private pond? Try your luck at horseshoes or natural golf? Take in a fun workshop, like Yogi's Yoga & Yogurt, Improv Games, Reiki stress-relief or mask-making? Or you could just relax with a good book under the trees.



In the evening, meet at the campfire for some marshmallow roasting, storytelling and sing-alongs. Take in the movie in the dining hall, or play games over a cup of hot cocoa. There's always the camp Talent Show! Fact is... *There is more fun stuff to do at Summer Camp than you can shake a stick at!*

It's the best vacation bargain around. Adults are \$70 for full camp or \$20 per day. Juniors and Youth through age 22 are \$60 for full camp or \$18 per day. Rates include all meals and accommodations. Everyone is welcome at Grange Summer Camp. Come by yourself or bring your friends and family. There's plenty to do, see, and share.

Beautiful Camp Tehama is located half-way between Red Bluff and Susanville on Highway 36. Directions: From Red Bluff, take Highway 36 East 40 miles to Mineral. Continue east on Highway 36 approximately another 10 miles. Turn right onto Highway 172. Camp Tehama is less than a mile on your right. Camp

telephone is: (530) 519-7544.

Please get your registration in early so we can plan ahead for a fun camp. Campers under 18 must have a parent or advisor assigned to them. Except for families, groups with both boys and girls must have male and female advisors and there is no coed housing. For more information, phone the State office at (916) 454-5805. See page 20 for camp registration form.

**T**his issue of the CGN is devoted to the Grange Renaissance, what many Grangers believe is a reawakening, harkening us back to our roots and a reaffirmation of the principles that guided our founder 140 years ago.

The dictionary defines Renaissance as "the activity, spirit, or time of the great revival."

Change is in the air. It is not a cold wind. It is a warm, welcoming breeze that we can enjoy together. The Grange Renaissance embraces the best in all of us, celebrating our conviction that the Grange provides value and meaning to our lives and offers hope for a bright and sustainable future.

The Grange Renaissance manifests itself in halls across California. We are renewing our vows to our agriculture heritage and celebrating diversity and the arts.

At Fort Bragg, the Grange partners with the Novo Food Forest, maintaining a garden that provides fresh produce for school lunches. In Chico, the Grange works with the University and agricultural community, offering classes in gardening, sustainability and healthy lifestyles. The Live Oak-Santa Cruz Grange offers free rehearsal space to theater groups, farms, a fruit tree orchard and partners with the University to host a student coalition. In Arroyo, the Grange celebrates cultural diversity and the arts, sponsoring groups like Heart Campesino. Members of Imperial Grange purchase seeds through the National Grange's America's Best Beautiful program and provide a garden to the local school where students can learn to grow the food they eat.

We're not only growing gardens. We're growing membership as more people begin to appreciate how the Grange can enrich their lives.

Throughout the pages of this magazine you will find remarkable examples of Grange members dedicated to building healthy communities. We all benefit. And the Grange grows, stretches and moves towards new horizons.

With pride in our past and promise in our future, we are bound only by the limits of our imagination. It's an exciting time for the Grange, full of wonderful opportunities. All of us have a role to play in the Grange Renaissance. Faithfully, Bob McFarland

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# Growing Together

## McCloud Community Garden Project

by Denis Hentrich, McCloud Grange

The community of McCloud is at the base of beautiful Mount Shasta in northern California. Like most rural communities, McCloud has had perhaps more than its share of economic upheaval and difficulties. The McCloud chapter of the California Grange is in its third season of supporting the development of the McCloud Community Garden.

Three years ago, the McCloud Grange was approached with a proposal. A local physician wanted to be able to improve the diets of his patients. Because of the difficult economic times and issues of experience, education and culture, many nutritious foods were simply missing from the diets of the residents of McCloud. Jim McDaniel, the Master of the McCloud Grange at that time, was extremely supportive and enthusiastic in helping the idea of the revived community garden to go forward. Arrangements were made with the McCloud school district who agreed to give written permission for the use of District land as a community garden, provided that liability insurance could be arranged for.

The Grange, with its roots deep in the agricultural history of our country, was a perfect resource to utilize to make the garden come alive again. Participants in the garden are asked to become Grange members. The low cost of the membership provides liability coverage while

gardening and farming guidance and food storage and preservation techniques. Each year of operation has expanded the productivity of the garden. A master plan is in place to eventually utilize the entire one-acre plus allotment set aside by the school district. The maintenance personnel for the athletic field have been composting organic grass cuttings which have worked well to enrich the soil of the garden for the past two seasons. The local horsemen's club has also provided manure to speed the composting process and improve the garden's soil production.

The budget for the development of the garden is low with donations and the use of found and salvaged materials being the primary means by which the garden has expanded. A community member in McCloud donated a supply of six-inch by 8-inch by 14-foot timbers which were produced at the mill in McCloud perhaps 15 years ago. They were unused, some were rotting, and they were distinctly in the way at their previous location. Grange members and other community volunteers hauled the timbers to the garden site and they have been transformed into a 2 1/2-foot tall by 4 feet wide by 14-foot long raised garden bed. The master plan calls for six such garden boxes to be built as material becomes available. The ultimate goal is to make a series of raised beds which will be accessible to wheelchair-bound community members who want to grow their own vegetables.



Richard Jergenson & Anne Waters, Little Lake Grange, in their garden.

they are working in the garden. The Grange has been an excellent resource for seeds, written information,

The variety of vegetables sown in the garden include broccoli, cauliflower, Swiss chard, kale, mustard greens, turnips, parsnips, carrots, spinach, cabbage, pole beans, bush beans, and a variety of salad greens and tomatoes. At least two varieties of potatoes and two varieties of sweet peas have been raised in the past. Grant funding is being sought from independent granting agencies. Because of the educational opportunities afforded by such an operation, the elementary school children are invited to attend and perhaps to take home a sample of a sweet pea pod, too!

The community garden has also worked well with the diabetes prevention and control group, that is an outgrowth directed by Dr. Allen Cooper, D. C. of the McCloud Health Clinic. Dr. Cooper has been an enthusiastic supporter of the garden. He



has noted that participants in the program have learned a great deal about supplying themselves with improved nutrition while enjoying the benefits of outdoor exercise and a sense of community that comes from doing things together for the benefit of all.

A new aspect to the function of the community garden this year is the approval of the community garden site as allocation where misdemeanor offenders may serve their community service obligations. This is being handled on a case by case basis, since the misdemeanor offender needs to apply for Grange membership in order to work in the garden. Results of this pilot program up to this point have been very satisfactory for all concerned.

As the growing season moves forward, efforts will be under way to secure new fencing material to expand the boundaries of the garden, and to procure the necessary materials to build additional raised bed boxes. The uprights for a gazebo are in place, this will be used as a potting area and a shady spot in the garden area in which to take a break from the necessary labors of



cultivating, watering, and weeding. It is hoped that greater numbers of the community will become involved as the garden space enlarges and more area for larger plots becomes available. There is simply no better expenditure of time and money than to assist in the training of people to grow their own food.

A strong supporter of the garden has been Grange member, In McCloud, UShea and her husband have been instrumental in organizing the McCloud Farmers Market. Other Grange members providing fundamental support and physical effort include Greg Holly, Michael Nankowski, Mary Dutcher, Randy Halkyard and Hope and Ryan Kinzie. Community member, Glenn Fiedler provided labor and the use of his generator to allow power tools to be used in the construction of the raised bed.

We will be happy to try to answer all inquiries from other Grange chapters regarding the organization and operation of the McCloud community garden. Contact the McCloud Grange or send your questions to [info@californiagrangec.org](mailto:info@californiagrangec.org) and we will forward your questions to them.

Dennis Hentrich is a Physician-Assistant at the McCloud Health Core Clinic and member of McCloud Grange.

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# Grangestock



"You ain't seen nothin' till you've seen Dale Baker, Sing Me and Mr. Bobbie McGee, Richard American River, Grange Master Bill Thomas,

Bob, it happened, a 15 year old boy, Grangestock, a day long festival featuring a dozen bands playing hits from the 60's and 70's, jams, joggins and the Gorker imitations, delicious and nutritious foods, ice cream, fun games and craft vendors.

This year Grangestock will take place on July 17 from 11:00am till dark at the Orangevale Grange's beautiful outdoor natural amphitheater. Everyone is welcome and the event is family friendly. Bring your lawn chairs and umbrellas.

"You're not suppose to have this much fun at a Grange event," laughed Grange realtor Bill.

Last year Grange's came from all over the state, wearing tie-dies, shirts, bandanas and love beads to recall that crazy era that brought us hippies, hot pants & flubbers! Humphrey Bikes will be awarded for the best impersonations of celebrities from the 60's & 70's.

Donations of \$10 paid at the event go towards GREAT (Grange Relief Emergency Action Team)'s GREAT provides emergency assistance to Grange members that are victims of disasters.

Bands for this year's Grangestock will include the Grangeful, Dead, O Street, M3, Leftovers, William Mylar, the Badjos, KD, and Rio Linda Swamp Thing. Comedy and contests take place between the bands.

Delicious and nutritious food will be served at Alice's Restaurant, inside the hall. Last year, the falafels were a big hit. Vendors sell 60's memorabilia, beads, jewelry, leather crafts and more.

For more information visit the website: [www.grangestock.com](http://www.grangestock.com) or phone (916) 768-9800.



# OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

## A New Grange Performing Arts Center

Early in the year, an opportunity presented itself that could not be denied. The State Grange learned that the Sacramento City College Drama Department was looking for a new home while their campus theatre was being renovated.

At the same time, the State Grange had been looking for tenants to occupy the 3823 V Street building on the Grange's property. This building was constructed in 1957 as the Grange Business Organization (GBO) and originally served as a members co-op store. Years ago the GBO closed due to competition from large retailers. The building has since been rented as office space. For the past two years it has been vacant.

"In this economy we have to think outside of the box," stated CSG Master Bob McFarland. "Seventy-five percent of our rental space at the Grange triangle has been vacant for some time. We have to get creative to replace that lost income."

The GBO building has a large open space with high ceilings. In January, Master McFarland approached Director Luther Hanson of the City College Drama Department with a proposal to create a 100-130 seat theatre. Hanson was sold on his first visit. Planning meetings began between the Grange and the Drama Department.

An agreement is being negotiated between the Grange and the City College that will provide the space for use by their Drama Department for 2-3 years, the time it will take to renovate their campus theatre. When the Drama Department is not using the space, it will be used for a variety of purposes, including small musical concerts, guest artists, town

hall meetings, and other Grange sponsored events.

For the Performing Arts Center, the Drama Department will build risers, install seats, hang light grids and curtains, and provide a lighting board. When the Drama Department returns to their campus theatre, everything will be left behind.

The Grange will make renovations to bring the GBO building to code, which will include expanding the restrooms and putting in a new exit door. Typically, "tenant improvements" would be required for any new tenant occupying the space, estimated in the range of \$40,000-45,000.

At their meeting on May 16, the Executive Committee gave the

Additional revenue will be derived by renting six existing offices on the front side of the building to a "performing arts consortium", generating an additional projected income of \$22,000 per year.

"Imagine a partnership of acting, music, dance and poetry groups all under the Grange roof, with a performance space attached," commented Master McFarland. "There will be a waiting list wanting to rent space. This consortium will provide income, membership and name recognition for the Grange."

It is anticipated that the Performing Arts Center will be enjoyed and used by Grangers from around the state for meetings and events, and it is part of a larger effort by the State Grange to provide tangible benefits to our members.



The old GBO building will become the NEW Grange Performing Arts Center.

project a green light, approving up to \$75,000 for the renovations. An income projection presented by Master McFarland predicts the project will pay for itself within 5 years, and create an annual income source of \$19,500 by 2016.

"The creation of the Grange Performing Arts Center is a step in the right direction," Master McFarland reasons, "serving our members and the Sacramento community where our headquarters is based. It brings us the kind of positive attention we need."

# Little Lake Grange

## A Vibrant Renaissance Grange

by Annie Brigit Waters, Little Lake Chaplain

The Little Lake Grange (LLG) has pioneered many wonderful examples of how a local Grange can reach out and partner with other community groups in support of local producers and local economies, education, and sustainability. Our own Grange Renaissance has many components...we are supporting a number of projects to create our mutual community future...

LLG is housed in a 15,000 sq. ft. "Old Schoolhouse" of 10 classrooms, an auditorium, kitchen, & dining room with a two acre trailer park. We have great opportunities as a future school of sustainability, which a number of us have envisioned. The foundation toward that vision is being laid with weekly, monthly, yearly purposeful experiences...

Food Production, Harvest Festival & Dinner is an annual, jointly sponsored event that has helped fund some building renovations & the community work of WELL (Willits Economic Localization).

For the last two years, LLG has hosted the Winter Farmers Market. Each Thursday brings local farmers, food producers & residents together in our warm & welcoming hall to buy eggs, sausage, cheese, veggies, crafts, eat a slice of homemade pie, or even get a bicycle repair during the long rainy months of our Willits winter.

Willitsians can also buy organic grains & beans at the market directly from the farmer & brought from the Central Valley to be sold at minimum prices as a boost to healthy diets & local food security. The storage of community grain stocks in a Grange is an ancient function & we are proud to be going truly back to our roots with this community service that reflects our farming origins.

Community Commercial Kitchen: Certainly the jewel in our renovations for community service is this state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, available for preparing our great pancake breakfast, hosting cooking classes & several new food business start-ups. See the short video of the Grand Opening at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (Search "Memorial Kitchen for the Little Lake Grange").

Over \$150,000 has been spent on this extensive remodel, and a generous USDA Grant helped make it happen. In conjunction with the Grand Opening in February, we introduced a Pancake Breakfast menu update, bringing in Local Farm Eggs & Organic Ingredients for a "Natural Plate".

Education: Our seasonal Grange Mystery Plays honor the Graces and de-mythify & educate about the degree initiations & the implements, the planting & harvesting cycle, and human life cycles.

Sustainable Film Series: A film Series on Vibrant & Resilient Community. Several members started this monthly series over

four years ago. Films on alternative energy systems, water conservation, public transport, food production, school food programs, and many such topics are hosted at the Grange where we serve popcorn & healthy snacks.

Elder Talks. In concert with Channel 3 & Willits Economic Localization, we have hosted a number of interviews with community elders. Several of these talks are streaming on local cable TV.

Vibrant Community Arts Support: The Winter Solstice Celebration is a 15 year annual festival that brings about two hundred people into the hall for a warm midwinter celebration of lights & community.

Theater Groups are being invited to use our facility for rehearsals & will help design some stage & lighting renovations. We are beginning negotiations with the local Children's Theater.


LLG co-sponsors events & workshops with local NGO's (non-government organizations) dedicated to a healthy future, local economy & resilient community, such as Master Gardeners Workshop, Be the Change Camp (for teen leaders), WELL Food energy & local currency seminars, drug rehab education, Food & Farming Forum, The Toy Run (for low income children). We host numerous traditional functions that serve to build our vibrant community.

### Mustangs Sought For Grange CD

The State Grange is going into the music production business. This summer Grange musicians and singers are being sought to record a music CD featuring new renditions of traditional Grange songs, old Grange songs about the Grange. The CD will be sold to raise funds for the new performance arts center. (See article page 8).

It's about time we dusted off some of these old Grange tunes and gave them a little musical boost. As the State Master, I think this CD will have a broad appeal, not only to our members here in California but nationally, as well. This is our National Master rocking out to California's version of *Bringin' In The Sheaves*.

The CD will be on sale at our annual convention in October and through the Grange News. The CD will be recorded in Sacramento in late summer. If you are interested in lending your musical talents to the Grange CD, contact Master McFarland at (916) 454-5805 or email him at [master@californiagrangecol.org](mailto:master@californiagrangecol.org).



## A CSG First

# Industrial Hemp Fest Success

by Buzz Chernoff, Lecturer

When many people hear the word "hemp," the first thing that comes to their mind is marijuana. But industrial



*Violinist Lisa Torgerson*

hemp is not a drug, and it has a long and proud history right here in the U.S.A. The benefits of growing hemp to U.S. farmers is what is behind the Grange's movement to allow U.S. farmers to grow and reap the benefits from this valuable cash crop. To this end, the CSG

held an Industrial Hemp Festival May 22, marking another return to our roots. When Grange halls were the site of public education and agricultural advocacy.

It was a California State Grange first; the first time in anyone's memory that a large public event was hosted at the CSG headquarters property. There was education, community and lots of fun at the Industrial Hemp Festival held in the conference room and parking lot of the Grange Stockton Blvd. property. A few hundred local folks and Grangers from the the state came together to celebrate Hemp History Week and the role that hemp has played in our past and can play in the future.

Hemp is a plant that has been utilized for fiber, food, and medicine since ancient times. In China. It was grown in the United States by such notables as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and promoted by Henry Ford for use in panelling and as a source of fuel. Growing and using industrial hemp was outlawed in the 1930's because of the false belief that it is a narcotic that can get you high.



*Festival attendees enjoy a hemp fruit smoolhie.*

During WWII when the source of other fibers from the Far East and Pacific Islands was cut off, the prohibition was lifted and hemp growing was encouraged to provide fiber for making rope, uniforms, parachutes and other products in support of the war effort. After the war, the growing of hemp was once again banned and remains so to this day. Hemp products can be imported from other countries such as Canada, Rumania, and China, and sold to the public, but our farmers can't grow it. This history of hemp, along with talks by experts on the growing, processing, marketing, and legislation of Hemp arranged by Legislative Director Michael Greene were given to an enthusiastic audience in the CSG Conference room.

In the parking lot were booths providing information on the use of hemp in food, fiber, lotions and potions, and construction materials. Sharon Taylor took charge of the Grange

booth, passing out information and taking in 12 new members. Cornellus O'Quinn served up smoothies made with hemp protein and hemp milk. Buzz Chernoff and Lanny Coulter handed out samples of Dr. Bronner's soaps and lotions, all of which are made with hemp oil.



*Organizers Buzz Chernoff, Bob McFarland and Michael Greene.*

To add festivity to the event, six bands played throughout the day with music for everyone's taste, from rock and

roll to reggae. Granger Phil Hildebrand's band *Rio Linda Swamp Thing* did a wonderful job backing up Sacramento singer/songwriter Richard March, which was a favorite of the older crowd. *Walking Spanish*, a rock and roll group in their early 20's, was the hit for the younger crowd, and those young at heart.

It was a historic day, and one which needs to be repeated

many times in many places as the Grange becomes a vital part of our communities and our state.



# GWA MEMO

By Betty Eyles

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Isn't the new CGN magazine great? I really enjoyed the first issue. Since the GWA news is now called GWA Memo, I thought I would write on some of the history of memos from the 30's.

In 1931, with Mrs. Eunice Peterson of Sonoma County as State Chairman, circular letters were sent to Subordinate Granges urging them to organize local clubs. Such clubs were organized first in Sonoma and Santa Clara Counties.

The first State Home Economics Conference was held during the State Grange Convention in Fresno in 1932. Better homes and gardens, relief and welfare work were the principal objectives of the work that year. On July 9, the State Chairman took part in the first Home Economics Radio Broadcast, stressing the use of American grown and manufactured products.

In 1933 a Home Economics Exhibit was displayed for the first time at a State Grange Convention, this one in Placerville. In addition to its regular program, the H.E. women helped get the California Grange News started.

By 1934 Home Economics work had progressed to the point that rules were needed to govern the activities of the club. These rules were adopted at the State Convention at Salinas and are still in force. Forums and educational work were added to the H.E. program and Lela Deaver of Salinas became State H.E. Chairman.

With the National Grange meeting in California in 1935, organization work and hospitality became prime H.E. objectives. Helen Spriner of Sacramento was the State H.E. Chairman in 1935.

In 1936, with the appointment of Mrs. Mabel Glenn of Pleasant Grove, Sutter County, as state chairman, Home Economics club activities entered a new phase. The State

was divided into four H.E. districts. Subordinate Granges were encouraged to compile history books, donations were encouraged for the Oliver Hudson Kelly Memorial Fund; and relief work continued as a main project.

One highlight of 1937 was a decision that H.E. Clubs should present trees to Past Masters and Past H.E. Chairman. Also, clubs contributed money for annual gifts to the State Master and his wife. For the first time the names of District H.E. Chairman were printed in the Grange roster and the first H.E. handbook was published. Also in 1937, as a Home Economics project, the Student Loan Fund was inaugurated.

In 1938 the first state H.E. breakfast was held at a State Grange convention, this one at Riverside. Nine attended. That year \$100.00 was made available for prize money for convention exhibits -- to be awarded mostly for the best histories and scrapbooks. The first State H.E. handbooks, with rules covering activities and the order of business, were issued that year.

Next issue, I will be writing about State Convention for GWA, and some of the history of the 40's. Have a great summer and thanks for all the great work you do.



# Chaplain's Corner

By Barbara Geiger

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## Brothers and Sisters:

I have sent out numerous get well, thinking of you and sympathy cards. If you know of any member that needs a card, sent PLEASE don't hesitate to e-mail me or call me. I am here for you.

The Lord did not promise that life would be easy. But He did promise to go with you every step of the way.

## Springtime:

*Springtime comes like magic,  
And gardens look brand new.  
A time to share God's special love in everything we do,  
A time for God to show He cares to people everywhere,  
By sending sunshine and the rain so things won't look so bare.  
A time when grass is growing tall and flowers all come new,  
They seem to say "It's springtime we have come to welcome you."  
Yes, springtime comes like magic; it comes from Heaven above,  
A time to show how much God cares by sending down His love.*

By Bonnie J. Knapp

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# Organic Crops are the Natural Choice

by Stephen Bird  
Organic & Food Safety Auditor

I am often asked vague, curious questions about my organic farm. Why are you organic? What does organic mean? Are the organic apples I get from the supermarket just as organic as the ones I get from your farm? How do organic farmers control bugs?

People are generally positive about organic products because it sounds like it might be healthier. There's a lot of confusion about organics and there is good reason for it. The combination of constantly changing organic rules and misleading statements by produce sellers has created an atmosphere of confusion.

When I first opened my Camino farm, Celtic Gardens, there was one day I will never forget. A little girl came to pick apples with her parents. I was at my stand cutting slices of fresh, tree ripened apples and giving people samples explaining the different varieties that were ripe and ready to pick. I offered this little girl a slice of Golden Delicious apple to taste.

This was not the Golden Delicious you get from the store, all green and puckery. It was a fully ripened Golden

Delicious that you can only get off of the tree. It was golden yellow and the sweet juice exploded out of the apple when I cut into it. The girl was about to receive the treat of her life and I could not wait to see the look of ecstasy on her face when she tasted it.

I said, "Try this, it's delicious!" She took a step backwards. Her parents encouraged her to try the yummy apple. Instead she took another step backwards and said, "Yuck! I hate apples!"

How could this be? A child that hated sweet, delicious apples! It finally dawned on me what had happened, so I asked the parents a question, "Has your daughter ever had tree ripened apples before?" They

answered, "No, only apples from the supermarket." So, this child's disdain for apples resulted from the bitter taste of mass produced and long term cold stored fruit bought at the supermarket. Imagine a child that refused to eat fresh apples? The long term effects on children who think that fruit tastes bad saddened me but there was no convincing her to try the fruit.

There is a great need for consumer education about healthy food. This has been a goal of mine ever since that season.

My U-pick orchard has evolved from Celtic Gardens U-pick Apples to Celtic Gardens Organic Farm and Learning Center, the goal being to ensure that people understand the importance of buying local produce and

understanding what it means to have an "organic" label on food.

I always begin my tours with the question, "What does it mean when we say something is organic?" There are many different answers, and virtually all of them are wrong.

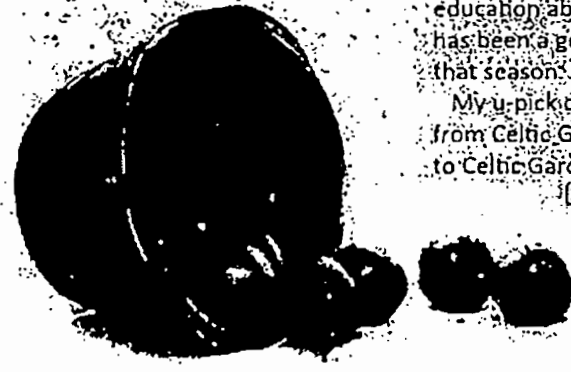
One of the problems is that many growers charge a premium for their product by calling it "organic" but they don't follow the rules. Consumers are often confronted with vague, misleading descriptions of products with some inference that it is organic, certified natural, nutra-clean, sustainable, all natural.

*Let's keep it simple, organic crops are grown using only things from nature!*

no spray/Eco-farmed and even we're better than USDA organic! It is no wonder that consumers are confused.

The problem is lack of enforcement. In California the entire organic regulation staff consists of just two people. The only protection for the consumer is that every organic producer is certified by a federally licensed certifier and is required to have their organic certificate with them when they sell organic product. In my case, all organic produce is accompanied with a sticker that states clearly, "Certified organic by CCOF". The names of the certifiers will vary but it will always say, "Certified Organic by..." This is required by law.

So, just what does it mean when something is labeled organic? The simplest description is that the product is only produced with



things found in nature. Instead of petrochemical fertilizer and pesticides, we use fertilizer from natural sources (manure, compost, seaweed, fish, etc.) and we use pesticides from natural sources (biologicals, oilender concentrates, etc.).

We do not allow the use of genetically altered crops (GMO's) because it is not a natural process. No sewage sludge for fertilizer, no ionizing radiation or strong chlorine concentrated sanitizers. Building healthy soils and protecting the farm environment are required. In short, there is a specific set of rules that have been developed over thirty years and those rules are under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

Let's keep it simple, organic crops are grown using only things from nature!

On our farm, you're often talking about the relationship between price and organic growing. The simple truth is that large conventional operations would not use all those strong chemical inputs as much as organic production is more expensive because more of the crops is lost to pests and more labor is required.

The organic label is in reality an agreement between a farmer and a consumer. The farmer promises to grow in a clean natural system, according to organic rules, and the consumer promises to pay the additional cost of production. It is an agreement in which everybody wins.

In my experience, in today's market those most likely to pay extra for organic products include expectant moms, moms with small children, recovering cancer patients, families with a history of cancer, and young people who

are concerned about environmental issues.

Organic continues to be a small percentage of total market sales, but it is also the fastest growing agricultural sector!

In addition to organic education, I spend a lot of time teaching about the advantages of local

*The organic label is in reality an agreement between a farmer and a consumer.*

produce. (Remember the little girl who hated apples and you encourage people to get away from supermarket produce. The truth is that our system on mass production agriculture is directed toward price and convenience, not health or flavor.

The average distance food travels to get to a supermarket is 1,500 miles. It is just not possible to provide healthy, delicious food when food travels that far. (It requires the produce be plucked in an unripe state and then be cold stored for too long. The average apple in the market has spent three months in a cold storage unit.)

The closer you get to your food source the longer it can ripen and the better flavor and nutrition the food will have. The best source is your own home garden. Farmers markets, CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) baskets, local farm stands are all better sources of

healthy food.

Every vendor of produce is required to have documentation of where the food is coming from, so take the time to ask. Even the supermarket is required to have that information under food safety rules.

The difference in flavor and nutrition is worth it. Healthy, organic, local fresh food, you deserve it.

In my opinion, the difference in price compared to your total family budget, it isn't that expensive. The flavor alone is worth it and when you consider the difference in price versus the health costs (missed work, feeling unhealthy, a visit to the doctor, etc.), paying a bit more for good food could be the best investment you make.

Ultimately, consumers control their own food choices in the marketplace. I know that when I choose for my family, the choices is for flavor and nutrition, not price and convenience. Eat healthy and live long!

Stephen Bradford pictured below with son Sean is the founder of the Celtic Gardens Organic Farm, a family center in Camino, California. A family farm he works with his wife Caroline and son Sean. Stephen is an official certifier of organic farms for California Certified Organic Farms (CCOF). Stephen is the Master of the Pleasant Valley Grange and manages their Farmers Market.





## Lecturer's Notes

by Buzz Chernoff

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After the late rain and snow in May, Linda and I started getting the gardens together, mending fences, weeding and topping up the beds with over-winter compost, putting in seeds and starts; a wonderful time of the year. Sitting on a bench surveying the work we had done, I couldn't help but feel a special energy in the air as all the single cell seeds, nurtured with energy from the sun and earth, began the process of multiplying on their march towards becoming mature plants; It's the energy of hope and the promise of things to come.

Sitting there, I got to thinking about the Grange and the energy of hope and promise I see coming from Community Granges that are connecting with their communities. Candidate forums at the Pleasant Valley, Marshall, Millville and other Granges; a Power to Peddle exhibit at the Chico Grange Farmer's Market; the Annual Electric Vehicle Show and Breakfast at Bayside Grange; the almost daily events at the West Yolo Grange; the Anderson Valley Grange 2-night Variety Show; Talent Contests at several Granges; the list goes on and on and it makes me feel good.

Your State Grange has also caught the spirit and earlier in the year put together an outstanding exhibit for California Ag Day at the capitol. Visitors were greeted at the booth with information on the Grange, and a ladybug to take home and put in their garden. Everyone wanted a ladybug and they knew it came from the Grange. And then in May, history was made when for the first time in anyone's memory, the CSG headquarters hosted a large community event, the Grange Industrial Hemp Festival (see article, page 10).

With the plans for a performing arts center in one of the vacant Headquarters buildings the Grange will be able to contribute even more to the community with educational programs and artistic performances. The benefit to the Grange will be more visibility in the community and Sacramento area; and a source of income from rentals to theater groups, musical concerts, etc. It just might come true that some day the neighbors in the area will not ask, "What is the Grange", but rather, "You bet I'm a member, the Grange is a vital part of our community". It's a time of hope and promises for the future.

Summer is right around the corner along with two fun Grange events, Grangestock and Summer Camp. Grangestock, which will be held at the Orangevale Grange on Saturday July 17, is a day long celebration of the Woodstock era where folks dress up in the finery of the '60s and have a good old time. Summer Camp will be at Camp Tehama on the border of Lassen Park beginning on July 21<sup>st</sup> and ending on Sunday morning, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Camp Director Cornelius O'Quinn has a lot of fun events planned. If you just want to come to camp to sit in the mountain air and do nothing, that's okay too.

You can find out more about both the Summer Camp and Grangestock at the CSG website, [www.californiagrango.org](http://www.californiagrango.org). If you haven't taken a look at the website you really should. It's a good one, something to be proud of.

Jules Faoro of the Rincon Valley Grange passed on a few weeks ago. Jules and I liked each other, and he said he always looked forward to reading my article in this paper, especially when I told a story at the end. So Jules, here is one for you.

Jules passed away and found himself standing in front of an angel, holding a ring of keys. Jules asked the angel if he was in heaven or hell, and the angel said that since he had been such a good person in his life, he could choose where he wanted to go. "Can I have a little preview before I make my decision?" Jules asked. The angel opened the first door and said, "This is hell". There was a big pot of good smelling soup with people sitting all around it. Each person had a spoon, but the spoon was so big that it was impossible to put it in the pot and then in your mouth. It was too long so the people suffered because they couldn't eat the good smelling soup. The angel then opened the second door and said, "This is heaven". There was a big pot of good smelling soup with people sitting all around it. Each person had a spoon, but the spoon was so big that it was impossible to put it in the pot and then in the mouth. The spoon was too long so each person put their spoon in the pot, and then fed the person across from them so everyone could be satisfied and eat the good smelling soup. Just goes to show you that having fun working together is a little bit like heaven and a lot like the Grange way. Happy trails until next time ...

## National Master to Visit California

National Master Ed Luttrell will visit three California Granges August 11 - 13 to present a three-hour seminar on membership growth, duties of officers, and what's going on at the National Grange.

Beginning in Northern California, the first seminar will take place August 11 at the Chico Grange. The second seminar will take place at the Atomas Grange on August 12. The third seminar will be held on August 13 at the Grover City Grange. All seminars start at 6:30pm.



National Master Ed Luttrell

Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge. It's a good opportunity to meet our National Master, ask questions, and keep informed.

For more information, call the State Grange office at (916) 454-5805.



# Is Your Grange Prepared For A Disaster?

Freshwater Grange President Laura Sullivan believes Granges can play an important role in coordinating disaster preparedness in their communities. A resolution authored by the Freshwater Grange and adopted at our last convention provides "that the CSG encourage all Granges implement community disaster emergency preparedness steps when possible."

With 180 Granges across our state, many of them in rural areas where they are the center of the community, it makes perfect sense that our halls would serve as emergency centers.

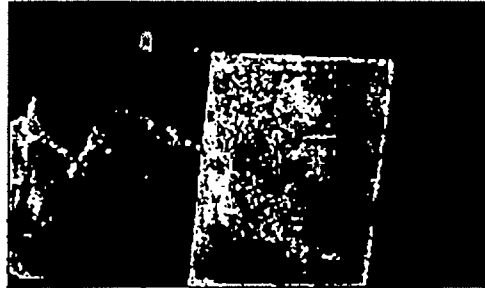
The Freshwater Grange successfully partnered with their local elementary school holding Red Cross disaster training workshops for the community. The Grange created a secure database of area residents and acquired a large storage container for emergency supplies.

At the invitation of State Grange Master Bob McFarland, Red Cross Coordinator Dave Christianson came to the CSG office on May 12 to explain how Granges can best offer their halls as evacuation centers or shelters. "Evac centers" provide temporary safety and comfort, while shelters provide overnight facilities.

Christianson was impressed when shown a map of all the Granges in California. "It's absolutely fantastic," he said, anticipating partnerships between the Red Cross and local Granges. Several Granges in California

are currently Red Cross Evac Centers for their communities.

Christianson was familiar with the extraordinary efforts of the Yankee Hill Grange in 2008, when wild



Red Cross Coordinator Dave Christianson and Master Bob McFarland.

fires raged through their community, Yankee Hill Grangers opened the doors and provided shelter and food to residents and firefighters.

Five Grange families lost their homes in those fires, prompting several Granges

to band together to form GREAT (Grange Relief Emergency Action Team). GREAT has raised over \$4,000 to assist Grange members who are victims of disasters. There are approximately 20 Granges in the GREAT network. For more information about GREAT, visit [www.dgrange911.com](http://www.dgrange911.com).

The Red Cross is totally dependent on volunteers and donations. If your Grange is interested in becoming an evac center or shelter, the first step is to contact your local Red Cross Chapter. To find your local Chapter, go to [www.redcross.org/en/where](http://www.redcross.org/en/where) or phone (202) 303-5600.

Alternatively, individual Grangers may volunteer to assist the Red Cross. The Red Cross provides training in first aid and CPR.

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# Writing Grange Resolutions Its Easier Than You Think!

As this article is being written, the State Grange has received about a dozen resolutions to be considered at 2010 Annual Session. The resolution should be postmarked by August 15. Resolutions postmarked after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

We thought a short reminder on writing resolutions may be in order. This year, the process is being streamlined to make the handling of resolutions more efficient at convention.

One of the real benefits of Grange membership is the opportunity to have an effective voice regarding the issues that affect their lives. Each of the National Grange's current 1,200 separate policy positions and the CSG's Policy Handbook all started as resolutions that were written and adopted by a local Grange chapter. Even so, some people are still intimidated at the idea of writing a Grange resolution. They shouldn't be. It isn't that difficult.

To begin with, you need to identify the problem, determine what you want your resolutions to accomplish. Then determine what you believe is the best method of obtaining that solution. This is the Resolved, and should contain explicit instructions on what you want the Grange to do.

Now you need to identify why the change should be made. These are your Whereases. Remember that a resolution does not need a Whereas if the Resolve states clearly an action and you feel there is no need to argue its merits. Also, remember that the Whereas will not be a part of your Resolved, so the Resolved must stand on its own, be complete and not refer to the Whereas in determining action. For example, a Resolve that says, "Therefore, the CSG and National Grange should require Congress to accomplish this" is useless.

Here's how your resolution should be structured for submission to the State Grange:

### Title of Your Resolution

### Your Grange Name & Number

**Whereas:** this is where you identify *one* problem that needs to be addressed or solved; and

**Whereas:** only place one reason or fact that supports your argument in each whereas paragraph; and

**Whereas:** only put facts in the whereas paragraphs that make it easier for the reader to understand the purpose of your resolution. Personal opinion is not fact – prove the need. Therefore be it

**Resolved:** this is where you clearly state the primary action that you propose to solve the problem you

identified in the whereas paragraphs. This statement should stand alone, making any action required understood and complete, even if the reader never sees the whereas paragraphs. and be it further  
**Resolved:** any secondary actions to address the problem are placed here and in further resolves. Ideally, each resolve paragraph will have a separate and complete call to action.

When sending your resolutions to the CSG, be sure and include any supporting documents you feel the committee working the resolution should consider. These documents will be made available to the committees for study. Please send copies and not originals, and you may also contact the Committee Chair if you wish to testify about your resolution.

For help in preparing resolutions, call the State Grange Legislative Director or call the State Headquarters at 916-454-5805. We can also be reached via e-mail at [info@californiagrango.org](mailto:info@californiagrango.org).

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# CONVENTION UPDATE

Our 138<sup>th</sup> annual convention will be held this year at the Mt. Hamilton Grange, 2840 Aborn Road, San Jose, October 13-17. The first day will offer informative workshops beginning at 1:00pm. The convention officially opens Thursday, October 14 at 10:00am.

"This year we hope to streamline our resolution process to allow us all to have more fun," remarked State Master McFarland. "We deserve it, don't you think? Let's get to know each other, and let's see what successes we can share with each other."

Convention registration will be \$25.00 for delegates and \$10.00 for non-delegates. Delegates receive a convention pin and resolution packet. Delegate Credential forms are now available at our website at [www.californiagrango.org/login.cfm](http://www.californiagrango.org/login.cfm).

A discount lodging rate of \$79 per night plus taxes has been arranged at the Holiday Inn San Jose/Silicon Valley located at 399 Silicon Valley Blvd, about 7 miles south of Mt. Hamilton Grange. A limited number of rooms have been set aside until September 23 at this rate. Rooms booked after September 23 may be reserved at a higher rate. To make a reservation phone (408) 972-7800 and ask for the Grange discount. The Holiday Inn's website is [www.sanjosehinn.com](http://www.sanjosehinn.com).

We will again have a "meal plan" this year. The cost of the meal plan is to be determined but is expected to be very affordable. The Rancho Cordova Culinary Institute that prepared wonderful meals for us last year has been invited to Mt. Hamilton to serve up some delicious dishes this year. Breakfasts are served at the hotel.

Again this year, official convention t-shirts will be sold. To get your Grange's name on the back of the t-shirts as a sponsor, please submit \$25.00 to the California State Grange with "t-shirt" noted in the memo field.

Resolutions must be postmarked by August 15. Resolutions postmarked after August 15 may be accepted at the discretion of the committee chair.

For information on the Expo, please contact Expo Director Katie Squire at [expo@californiagrango.org](mailto:expo@californiagrango.org). Expo handbooks are available online at [www.californiagrango.org/login.cfm](http://www.californiagrango.org/login.cfm)

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## 2010 Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The California Grange News joins with the California State Grange and the Grange Foundation in wishing all of these students success in the pursuit of their academic goals, and congratulations for your accomplishments in academics, sports, and life.

Madison Donoghue - Rainbow Valley Grange  
 Zacchaeus (Zac) Grinstead - High Desert Grange  
 Carlene Hadden - Orangevale Grange  
 Jeremy Heckman - Desable Grange  
 Sydney Johnson - Windsor Grange  
 Bobbie Kirkpatrick - Honey Lake Valley Grange  
 Marta Kroger - Danville Grange  
 Travis McDaniel - Lone Grange  
 Abbie McMahon - High Desert Grange  
 Faith Steele - Kern-Buena Vista Grange  
 Emily Tompkins - Aptos Grange

## Three California Students Win GFA Scholarships

Three California students have been chosen by Grange Insurance Association to receive scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year. In all, 28 scholarships were awarded in this year's program from among 180 applications received by GFA.

Byan Barnes of Antelope, CA  
 Marta Kroger of Danville, CA  
 John Swanson of San Luis Obispo, CA

Recipients list on [www.californiagrango.org](http://www.californiagrango.org)

## 2010 State Grange Events

July 12 - Executive Committee Meeting  
 State Grange Office, 12:00 p.m.

July 17 - Grange Stock  
 Orangevale Grange, 11:00 a.m.

July 21-25 - Summer Camp  
 Camp Tehama

August 5-8 - West Regional Youth Conference  
 State of Washington

October 13-17 - 138th Annual State Convention  
 Mt. Hamilton Grange, San Jose

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*To my way of thinking, nothing we do as leaders is more important than letting our members know we care about them.*

by Bob McFarland, Master

**Capay - March 11.** The Capay Grange is located near Orland in a farming community. A few months ago the Master and his wife moved to Chico and sent a letter to all of the members saying that, since they were moving, the Grange would close. And it almost did. A re-organization meeting was held March 11. Deputy Sylvia Sloan, Ambassador Cheri Bunker, Chico member Richard Roth and yours truly met with Treasurer Merlin Peets and a handful of other members. The result is, the Capay Grange will have an open-house fund-raiser and membership builder in August. A trip barbeque and entertainment is planned. It should be a fun evening and hopefully well-attended by this rural community.

**Clovis-Sanger-Fowler - March 20.** Yes, that's a long name for a Grange. It is a combination of three Granges, all proud enough to want to keep their name. The Fowler Grange sat empty, collecting dust and cobwebs for years. The good folks at Clovis had been meeting for years in restaurants, after their Grange hall burned down. It was only a matter of time before we figured out an empty hall and a homeless membership fit together. The new Clovis-Sanger-Fowler Grange was officially organized March 20 with a barbeque celebration. Former State Master Bob Clouse, instrumental in efforts to re-open the Fowler Grange, joined the new members for burgers. Seeing life brought back to the hall, neighbors came by to wish us luck and were treated to burgers and hot dogs. The neighbors said they would join the Grange. Folks, that's the way it's supposed to work.

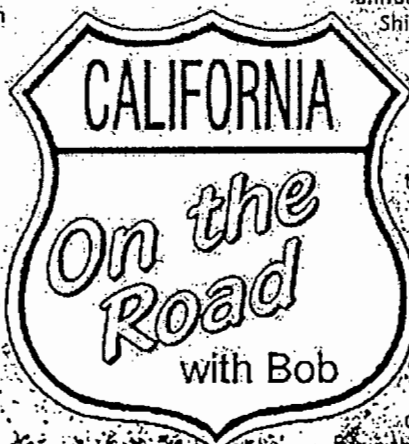
**Ag Day - March 23.** For the third year in a row, the State Grange participated in Ag Day at the State Capitol. Our booth this year was staffed by the brand new Sacramento Community Grange. We gave away thousands of live ladybugs to visitors that included school children, legislators, and the movers and shakers of California agriculture, along with a note that said: "Take me home. I want to live in your garden and literature explaining the ladybug's use for garden pest control. Yours truly enjoyed a meet-and-greet with Governor Schwarzenegger, arranged by Secretary of Agriculture A.G. Kawamura.

Later that day, CSG Director of Government Affairs, Michael Greene and I attended a Senate hearing on efforts to rid California farmers of the light brown apple moth, a pest

found in orchards around the state. When the USDA testified that their four-year program of chemical spraying had failed to eradicate the moth, the Grange's subtle message about natural pest control alternatives appeared to carry the day. For seated in the crowded senate chambers, mingled amongst the legislators, media and concerned citizens were farmers... some of them holding our little jars of ladybugs.

**Prunedale Salad Bar - March 25.** Like a moth to a flame, this Master is drawn to food. And one of the finest spreads I have ever seen was presented at the Prunedale Grange's semi-

annual Salad Bar. Executive Committee Member Shirley Baker and her lesser half, Ambassador Team Leader Dale Baker attended. Now, when you say "salad bar" it can have a deterring effect on carnivores with voracious appetites, such as Dale and me. But this was no ordinary salad bar. Besides the expected fresh greens and fruits, there were wonderful cheeses, turkey, ham, desserts and fresh breads - the likes of which I have never seen before. The next time you hear the Prunedale Grange is having their semi-annual salad bar - run!

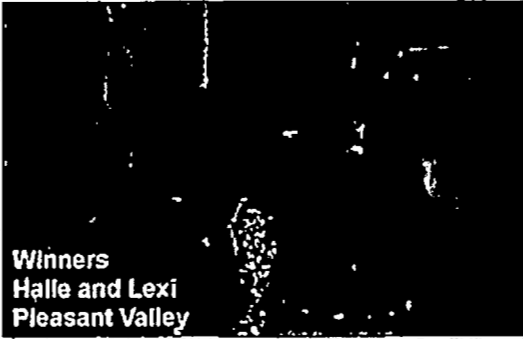


**Lucerne Community Valley Grange - April 3.** (By far the most enjoyment I get out of being a Master is when I can participate

in the re-organization or creation of a Grange. How lucky we are to have such a wonderful collection of community members that came together April 7 to start the brand new Lucerne Valley Community Grange, including several young families. Look for great things to come from these new Grangers.

**Valley Oaks - April 7.** It was my pleasure to visit the Valley Oaks Grange for the first time on a night when several students made oral presentations, in hopes of being awarded scholarships from the members. There is a lot of history in this old Grange and a good mix of young and old to continue traditions and explore new opportunities.

**Orangevale 100th Anniversary - April 10.** What can you say about the folks at Orangevale Grange? This Grange is the closest thing we have to an asylum. To celebrate their 100th year anniversary they put on toilet bowl races. Bob Clouse's team and their crazy contraption took the trophy, too. It was a marvelous celebration well attended by the community. Congratulations on a century of



outstanding service to your members and the Orangevale community.

**Sacramento Community Grange - April 12.** With the Performing Center Project in development (see page 8) it was easy to start up the brand new Sacramento Community Grange. The unique membership is made up of musicians, actors, dancers, poets and patrons of the arts. They meet in the conference room of the State Grange offices (which used to be Wisteria Hall). The new Master is Seth Taylor, son of

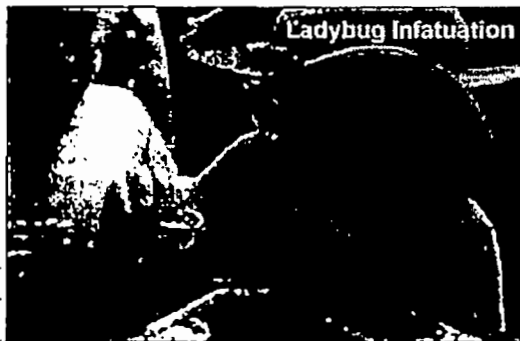
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Sharon Taylor of the Rio Linda Grange. There is little doubt that this Grange will grow rapidly as the Performing Arts Center is completed.

Phillips, Laurette & Rodney Tognetti, 40 year members Sid & Jeanne Behler, and 60 year member Mary Baldi.

**Pleasant Valley Talent Show – April 16.** More than twenty acts performed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pleasant Valley Grange Talent Show. The judges had a difficult time deciding two winning acts from all of the talented individuals that performed. Last year, this talent show produced young comedian Ben Schilling who went on to win the State Grange Talent competition and was sent to the National Grange Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he had us rolling out of our seats with laughter. Not even a year later, Ben will spend his summer performing in a show at Universal Studios that is slated to become a TV series. Ah, we knew him when.



Ladybug Infatuation

In particular, folks had gathered to honor Jules Faoro for his lifetime achievement and sixty-five years in the Grange. Jules passed away peacefully May 3 at the age of 96. His memorial on May 8 was well attended, by friends, family and Grangers who came from far and wide to pay respect to a remarkable man.

In life, I did not know Jules. But hearing the tributes and stories of his life, I was iruly moved.

If your Grange has an upcoming event and you'd like the Master to attend,

please send him an email at: [master@californiagrang.org](mailto:master@californiagrang.org)

**American River Western Living History Day – May 1.** It is always a pleasure to visit the historic American River Grange. Western Days were celebrated May 1 in partnership with the local Historical Society. The well-attended event featured members dressed in period costumes, food and activities authentic to the late 1800's when the hall was built. Master Bill Thomas says it will be an annual event.

**Ripon Grange 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – May 8.** Master Manuel Luis and the members of the Ripon Grange were proud to celebrate their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 8. The hall was smartly decorated and guests were entertained by a lovely women's chorus.

**Butte Pomona – May 14.** Wasting no time, the Granges of Butte Pomona have already started planning the 2011 annual convention to be held at the Palermo Grange. Judging from the many members and Granges represented at the meeting, we can be assured of a very successful convention that year.

**Ides – May 13.** The Ides Grange is one of our most thriving Grange in California. You'd never guess they don't even have their own hall. They meet at the local American Legion Hall. On this evening, Dale Baker and I were invited to be judges for the Junior Granges' gourmet cooking competition. Delicious dishes included stuffed mushrooms, fresh salad, homemade pizza and more. It's a tough job – but somebody's got to do it.



Speeding Toilets

**Rincon Valley Awards Celebration – May 19.** On a fine spring evening we found ourselves in good company at the Rincon Valley Grange in Santa Rosa. It was a meaningful celebration recognizing members that had dedicated many years of service to the Grange. Honoraries included 25 year members Steven Behler, Virginia Brown, Mary MacLeod, Debra & Jethren

### First Outreach Executive Committee Meeting Is Well Received

Grangers in Humboldt County received the State Grange Executive Committee with open arms for the first outreach meeting of the new officers. Desiring to gain a better appreciation of what is happening in community Granges around the state, strengthen the bond between our members and our leadership, and spread goodwill, the Executive Committee held its May 16 meeting at the Humboldt Grange in Eureka, California.

The wide variation of Grange halls, activities and people along the North Coast was both surprising and inspiring, said Executive Committee member Jon Luvas. "Everywhere we were greeted with an enthusiasm and welcomed like long lost friends."

Taking time on the road, Chairman Larry Kroger with wife Julie and daughter Marjorie left Saturday morning from their home in Vacaville. While Master Bob McFarland driving the Grange Van met Committee member Shirley Baker and Inger Beahm at the Orangevale Grange, they rendezvoused with committee member Jon Luvas at the Yavol Grange.

Just down the road, the van group was treated to a fine tour of the Full Belly Farm by proprietor and Grange member Paul Miller. The Full Belly Farm is a well known organic producer that provides a mail order subscription service, sells produce at several farmers markets and is community supported agriculture (CSA) operation.

Rendezvous in Willits. The Van group rendezvoused with the Krogers at the Little Lake Grange in Willits where the members treated us to a delicious lunch of fresh vegetable soup, salad,

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## Member's AIL Questions Answered

As a member benefit, all Grangers in good standing have accidental death and dismemberment insurance provided at no cost by American Income Life (AIL). AIL Public Relations Officer Larry Lozano was contacted recently to answer questions about the program. Following are his responses.

Is every Grange member covered by American Income Life insurance, even if they do not turn in the yellow cards? Yes, every member of the California Grange is covered whether they send in a card or not. Two important reasons to send in the response card are:

1. The California Grange will not know who the beneficiary is if it is not mailed back.
2. If AIL or the California Grange cannot determine the beneficiary, the funds could get held up in probate.

Do you have to be a member for any period of time before you are eligible?

No. If you're a member in good standing, you are eligible. It is up to the California Grange Master to determine member status and to provide the letter of good standing to American Income Life for disbursement of the benefit.

The accidental death benefit is \$3,000 from California Grange and \$2,000 from National Grange?

Yes. The benefit is provided at NO COST to the California State Grange, the National Grange and its members! Since 2003, the program has paid out over \$12,000 in California benefits and \$22,000 in National benefits. The program works.

If an agent calls me and wants to come by my home, am I required to meet with them? [The agents frequently tell our members they must come by their homes to deliver the policies]

No, this is a voluntary program. The representative will only contact the member to deliver the individual certificates to the members whom request it. Remember, members have changes in their personal lives. The beneficiary who was previously listed on the card may have changed. This is a great opportunity to meet with a representative and update this information. It will also give the member an opportunity to get all the information he or she may need to make a decision of purchasing a funeral life insurance.

Do you know anything about a canned food drive that your representatives are involved in? [Two members have said they were asked by a representative to donate canned food]. Yes. Every home that one of our Representatives visits, they will ask if the member would care to donate a couple of non perishable food items for families in need. Sometimes it can be a death in a family that did not have insurance and other times it can be the economic times the way they are. AIL will try to find families in need of receiving food through our food bank.

Are we required to purchase any additional insurance? No, this is a voluntary program.

How do we let you know who the beneficiaries are?

1. By filing out the card and mailing it back
2. Meeting with a representative to update or make a change of status.

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What is the process for making a claim?

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3. An article or police report on how the death occurred.
4. When all that is collected, call me (Larry Lozano) and I handle the rest.

How do we contact you if we have any other questions?

Larry Lozano, American Income Life

Cell # 408 410 7811

Email: [larrylozano@ailpr.net](mailto:larrylozano@ailpr.net)

Thank you for the opportunity to be in the California State Grange News. Great questions. I hope this information helps all members now and in the future.

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and homemade bread, all produced locally. The Little Lake Grangers talked about their efforts to support the Willits community with a variety of programs that emphasize healthy lifestyles, education, and appreciation of the arts.

Little Lake Lecturer and professional filmographer, Lanny Cotler showed a unique video that documented the history and purpose of the Grange degree work. The entertaining video featured members of the Little Lake Grange.

We were introduced to Michael Brownlee, visiting from Colorado. Michael represents a nation-wide effort called "transition" that encourages community building.

The visitors were given a tour of the impressive Little Lake Grange, housed in a circa 1930 elementary school. The Grange has a very large auditorium, individual classrooms (some rented

to community businessses) and a brand new well-appointed commercial kitchen. The Little Lake Grange is also erecting several grain silos that will store grains and rice. In a disaster, this Grange will be prepared to feed their community.



The Little Lake Grange also derives a good income from a mobile home park they own adjacent to the hall.

From Willits, the executive Committee traveled north, arriving in Eureka at 5:00pm, just in time to freshen up at the motel and rendezvous with Leo Bergeron, who had traveled across the coast mountains from his ranch outside of Yreka.

Our tour guides for Saturday were Bettyann Binger-Rehm, B.J. and Erin Fitzpatrick from the Dows Prairie Grange. We followed them to the Van Duzen Grange where we were treated to a delicious dinner of roast chicken, noodles and fresh vegetables provided by Ladies of the Grange. Catherine Harvey gave the Committee a tour of the huge Van Duzen Grange.

For dessert, it was off to the lovely Rohner Grange in Fortuna where the gracious members polished us off with cake and ice cream. The Executive Committee enjoyed a tour of this venerable hall and listened with great interest to the history of the community. It had been a long day and we returned to our quaint motel for a well deserved rest.

The next morning, we were up early and had breakfast at the local Moose Lodge. Does it seem like we never stopped eating? There we met our Sunday tour guide, Dwight Winnegar from the Bayside Grange. After breakfast, we arrived at the Humboldt Grange to start out Executive Committee meeting.

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## Junior Grange Report

by Michele Price

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Summertime is a great time to get together for Junior Grange activities! Send a message to your Junior Grange leader volunteering to set up a summer potluck park day, bowling outing, or even a trip to your community swimming pool for a great day of family fun.

Speaking of getting together during the summer, as a newbie in our State Grange leadership team, I have lots to learn. Throughout the summer I will be contacting your Junior Grange leader to set up time that I can visit your Junior Grange. I can't wait to find out all about your program, share ideas, and find out how I can help.

I am also looking forward to meeting our Junior Granges families at Grange Family Camp to be held at Lake Tehama from July 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. It is sure to be a great time!

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Almost every Grange from Humboldt and Del Norte counties were represented. We broke at noon and everyone enjoyed nice lunch of delicious soup and lasagna served by the Humboldt Grange.

After lunch, the meeting was opened up for questions and comments from the members and this gave the Executive Committee a rare opportunity to hear firsthand what was on the minds of community Grange members.

After the meeting, we were treated to a tour and visits to the Freshwater Grange, where we met up with President Laura Sullivan, the Bayside Grange where we were treated to music by local musicians, and finally the Dows Prairie Grange where Bettyann, B.J., and Erin fed us a hearty beef stew dinner.

The next morning, we left Eureka for our long trip home, having gained friends, wisdom and pounds. All in all, the outreach meeting and visits were well worthwhile. Our brothers and sisters in Humboldt and Del Norte counties were marvelous hosts.

Special thanks to Curtis Lindley, Bettyann, B.J., Erin, and Dwight, our tour guides.

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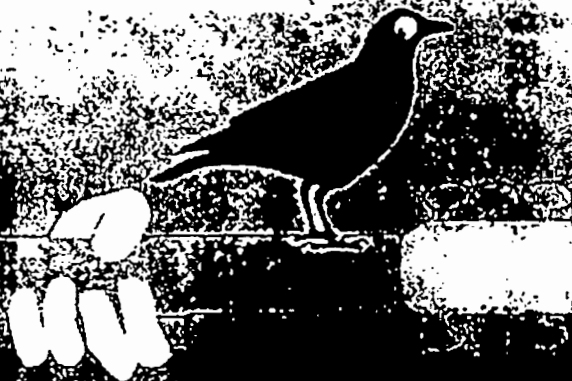
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## Master's Message

by Bob McFarland

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### 2010. What a year it has been!

A very good year for the Grange in California. Here are some highlights:

With a net gain of 249 new members and 10 new and reorganized Granges, California leads the nation in growth this year. Congratulations to all of us and humble thanks for all of your efforts in making this happen. This is an historic and monumental achievement.

What a difference a year makes. We ended three years of deficit spending, closing out this year an estimated \$70,000 in the black.

And 2011 promises to be even more amazing with programs and goals that will surpass this year.

Our Youth and Junior Grange Programs promise exciting activities and opportunities in 2011, including plans for a Youth Dude Ranch where a lucky group of young Grangers will enjoy and experience a working ranch or farm. New Youth Director Rosemary Fielder and Junior Grange Director Michele Price bring enthusiasm and confidence to their programs, and we're expecting renewed interest and growth.

Our delegates have created many excellent opportunities for our Legislative and Public Relations departments to work on this coming year, including a suite of resolutions that will re-establish the Grange as an important advocate for farmers, ranchers, consumers and rural communities.

This year, we will develop a Farmers Bill of Rights, holding 4-6 town-hall meetings in Granges across the state, inviting farmers and ranchers to share their concerns. The agricultural community will once again appreciate the Grange as an organization capable and willing to carry their message. The Farmers Bill of Rights will bring us public recognition and membership growth.

Our members approved a budget that will bring a grant researcher/writer on staff, dedicated to helping the State Grange and community Granges develop funding opportunities to renovate our halls and support our programs.

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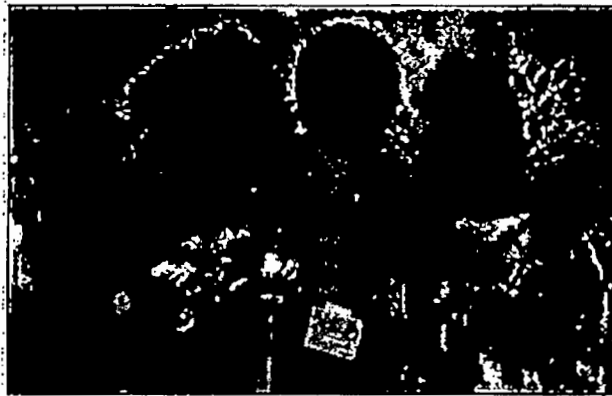
The Heritage Tour. Also approved by our delegates, the Grange van will travel across the state with a select team of members that will celebrate and promote our history in communities, and demonstrate and instruct our ritual in Grange halls.

By delegate action, quarterly dues will soon be a thing of the past. A committee will be formed to develop a plan to revert to an annual dues system to be implemented in 2012. An annual dues system will lessen the burden on community Granges and the State Grange staff.

Looking toward our future, most successful businesses have a long term plan. A committee will be formed to develop a three to five year plan for the California State Grange, considering financial, fraternal and legislative goals.

A veteran Granger will take on a new role, as Jim McDaniel has been appointed our new Health Director. Former Health Director Leslie Parker will focus her attention on promoting our disaster preparedness and response program, GREAT (Grange Relief Emergency Action Team).

The Performing Arts Center is a work in progress. More than \$5,000 in donations has already been received to adapt the old GBO building into a multi-purpose performing arts center. Small offices in the building are being rented to arts groups. The new Sacramento Grange is largely made up of performing artists interested in developing the space. The first "performance" was produced on Halloween night with readings of poems by Edgar Allan Poe.



Lauren Nebitt, Brandon Nebitt and Susi Laskowski, three generations of one family, at the 2010 CSG Convention.

Wendy McFarland takes up a cause dear to our hearts. She will chair a committee to develop a resolution, passed in 2007, the AMBER Alert Assistance Program. Children are abducted everyday by predators that would harm them. Since 1996, the AMBER Alert program has helped save the lives of over 200 children nationwide. Often, predators take these children to remote

and rural areas. Our 10,000 members in Granges across California are uniquely qualified to assist the AMBER Alert program by developing a network of eyes and ears. Thirty members across the state are already signed up to participate in the program. If you would like to participate, please contact Wendy via email at ALERT@californiagrango.org.

Looking ahead - 2011 promises to be an incredible year for Grangers in California. As always, our leadership, staff and Master stand ready and willing to help in every way we can to ensure that your Grange is successful. Remember, if you aren't having fun, something's wrong.

Wishing you a Wonderful Holiday Season and Inspiration in 2011. - Bob

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## Editor's Notes

by JD Hartz

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### Well Done, California Patrons

Give yourselves a hand, California Grangers. You accomplished a lot in 2010! You have reversed a quarter-century trend in Grange membership loss, and according to National Grange statistics, you lead the Nation in both the number of members gained and the number of new Granges formed.

According to information released at National Grange Convention, there are 36 states plus the District of Columbia with Granges in 2010. Of those 37, seven posted net gains and one remained static. All the rest posted net losses, with Grange membership declining from 103,000 in 2009 to 97,568 in 2010. The bright spot in these statistics is California. You are creating change and bucking the trend. With a net gain of 5 Granges and 249 members in 2010, California once again leads the Nation.

California has a reputation as being a maverick, many consider us as being ahead of the times, and often of simply being far out. This is true in politics, social customs, and even in Grange circles. For example, this year we carried nine resolutions to National Session — one passed, the

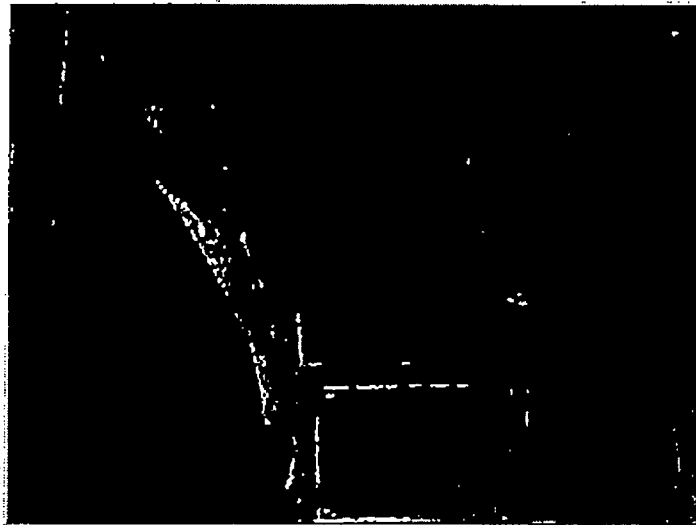
resolution demanding Congress live by the Medicare laws they pass. What was the problem with the others? Were they simply new ideas

ahead of the times and requiring a change in action or attitude? Could the lack of growth in the Grange, and here I include many individual Granges in California, be a simple matter of resistance to change? Many successful

*“Working with members can be a little like trying to juggle peanut butter.”*

California Grangers say the key to membership growth is by abandoning a business as usual mode and adopting new and progressive attitudes. Others will cite our “Back to Our Roots” philosophy, with a renewed sense of the importance of the individual and striving to understand and meet the needs of the community, not just within the Grange hall walls. I’m delighted to observe that both sides are right.

Trudy Wischemann of Elbow Creek Grange tells this story. Richard Jones, the President of Elbow Creek Grange which had the second highest membership gain in the state (*Mt. Hamilton Grange was first*), commented



*Elbow Creek Master Richard Jones receives certificate for membership growth from State Master Bob McFarland.*

on how their Grange pulled itself back from the brink of extinction to become one of the strongest Granges in the state with 175 members. “Working with members can be a little like trying to juggle peanut butter,” he said. “You’ve got to offer people something in order to get their cooperation. You’ve got to learn which ones need what and find out what skills folks have and

use those. Then,” he grinned, using a cowboy metaphor from cowboy country, “you just work ‘em to the middle and try to keep everybody calm.” (*More on this Grange is posted on our website in the news section.*)

However, amidst the joy, there is sadness, for we still have Community Granges in membership trouble. We need to seek them out and find ways to help and mentor them back to health. The leadership of these Granges may not know how or who to ask, or are simply too tired to ask, for help. Master McFarland’s idea for Grange Ambassadors is a step in the right direction. Perhaps successful Granges can add to that effort

with their own mentoring program and seek out and nurture less successful Granges. Remember, whenever we grow the Grange, we are in reality making each Community Grange a little stronger.

# Resolutions Passed At 2010 Convention

Resolution and Legislative Committees did a great job this year. Nearly 70 resolutions (more if one takes into account floor motions and recommits) were handled by the Delegates in the allotted time and not once during this Convention did the delegates debate after the dinner hour. A highly deserved "Well Done!" to all.

The Committees were changed this year, both by combining some committees and expanding the scope of others. This year the committees were:

Agriculture	Cass Muters, Chair
Communities	Marion Nichols, Chair
Conservation & Energy	Jan Saxton, Chair
Government	Lanny Cotler, Chair
Grange Law & Activities	Howard Sihner, Chair
Health, Education & Welfare	Patty Allen, Chair
Science & Technology	Jeremy Heckman, Chair
Water	David Lewis, Chair

Some committees were overwhelmed with resolutions, resulting in passing some of the workload to other committees which had fewer resolutions to work.

While there was little controversy in the discussions, perhaps the strongest statements made by the delegates concerned fiscal responsibility. First, the Delegates told Congress that they did not appreciate a Congress that did not operate under the same rules and regulations that they set down for the rest of us, and particularly in creating special health and retirement plans for themselves while denying the general public like benefits. "You must abide by the same rules you set for the rest of us" was the message.

Nor did the Delegates appreciate National Grange's fee and surtax on the general membership to pay for their Convention. Pointing to California's lean budget for Convention, the Delegates demanded an end to the tax and suggested National Grange could follow California's example by cutting down on Convention costs.

The following resolutions were passed at the 2010 Session:

## AGRICULTURE

- Title: Methyl Iodide
- Title: USDA Reclassify The Light Brown Apple Moth And End Government Quarantines Of California Farmers
- Title: Encouraging A New Generation Of Family Farmers
- Title: Use Of Antibiotics In Healthy Food Animals
- Title: Control Of Genetic Use Restriction Technology

## COMMUNITIES

- Title: Legalizing Hen Chickens In Urban Areas

## CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

- Title: Identifying Genetically Modified Salmon

## GOVERNMENT

- Title: Law Vs. Accounting
- Title: State Legislators Hiring Restriction
- Title: Medicare For Congress
- Title: To Ban Members Of Congress From Becoming Lobbyists
- Title: Only Human Beings, Not Corporations, Enjoy The Constitutional Rights Of Natural Born Citizens
- Title: Expand Primary Election Choices

## GRANGE LAW & ACTIVITIES

- Title: Convention Assessment

## HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE

- Title: Support Of Adapting Measures To Reduce
- Title: Grange History - Interactive Video Conferencing Proposed By Education Committee
- Title: Focus On Health
- Title: Coordinate The Grange Grassroots Philosophy

## WATER

- Title: Water Stewardship
- Title: California Water Bond

For complete text of passed resolutions, go to the News section of our website at [www.californiagrango.org](http://www.californiagrango.org)



Ken Donnell donated his guitar with one of his Miniflex microphones to be auctioned off with proceeds going toward the Grange Performing Arts Center. The auction brought in \$7102. Thank you Ken! Ken is pictured with his son Martin at Grangestock.

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## Health Matters

by Jim McDaniel

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I hope that by now you have all had your flu shots. This year all you need is given in one shot. A flu shot will not give you the flu, nor will it prevent some types of flu that fortunately are not very prevalent. Pneumonia shots are given in my area at ten year intervals. You should talk to your doctor regarding that.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is very prevalent this year and some deaths have resulted. Get your little ones preventive shots for this.

No one should smoke - period. If in spite of your careful health management, you should have a stroke, get immediate medical help - if alone call 911. New treatments early can reduce or help prevent long-term effects. Get medical help STAT. Do not delay.

More than 5 million in our nation have Alzheimer's disease. While so far there is no prevention or cure for this disease, those suffering are encouraged to keep active physically and socially. The National Institute on Aging also has Alzheimer's Disease Centers at major medical institutions across the country (including Sacramento) where researchers are working on improved diagnostic techniques, treatments and ultimately a cure for Alzheimer's. Currently numerous new medications are being tested. This will continue until there are ways to prevent or slow the progress of this disease.

## Court Affirms Right to Protect Farmland

California's agricultural economy and culture deserve protection. That was the conclusion of the Fifth District Court of Appeal. In a unanimous decision it upheld a Stanislaus County ordinance requiring developers to protect one acre of farmland for every acre they convert to large-scale residential use. The decision overturns a Superior Court ruling that found in favor of the Building Industry Association (BIA), which challenged the County's farmland mitigation program (FMP).

With developers pressing to convert farmland to residential subdivisions and other uses throughout agricultural California, this case is likely to have a significant impact throughout the state, particularly in cities and counties with significant swaths of agricultural land.

The BIA argued that there was no reasonable relationship between the County's requirement to protect farmland and the conversion of farmland to residential use, and the Superior Court agreed. The Court of Appeal clearly rejected that contention and rules that such land use decisions are well within the scope of local governments' authority. The FMP requires only that developers ensure that an acre of farmland be preserved for each acre developed for residential subdivisions, and the court found that to be a reasonable requirement.

"Once farmland is lost, it's gone forever," noted Bob McFarland, President of the California State Grange. "The Court's ruling recognizes that local governments can ask developers to contribute their fair share to the protection of farmland when they seek to convert farmland to residential development."

## Youth Granger Takes NASA Training

Granger Jeremy Heckman of Butte College in Paradise was selected to travel to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston in October to participate in a three-day on-site event.

He was selected as one of 89 community and junior college students from across the nation to be part of the National Community College Aerospace Scholars program.

The program offered students the opportunity to interact with each other as they learn more about careers in science and engineering. Students formed teams and established fictional companies.



DeSabra Grange's Jeremy Heckman

Interested in Mars exploration?

National Community College Aerospace Scholars is a program based on Texas Aerospace Scholars, originally created by the state of Texas in 2004 in partnership with NASA and the Texas educational community. Both programs are designed to encourage community and junior college students to enter careers in science and engineering and ultimately join the nation's highly technical workforce.

Congratulations Jeremy on a job well done. We are proud of you.

# Grange Takes Action on Resolutions Passed at Convention

In October our delegates approved a Grange resolution "against the use of methyl iodide and communicate that opposition to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and advocate the use of safer alternatives for the control of soil borne diseases."

The press conferences were well attended by media and received broad coverage. It is anticipated that new Governor Jerry Brown will work with us, once he is in office, to outlaw this pesticide as a danger to farm workers and the public.

On November 30, Master McFarland represented the California State Grange along with Paul Towers of Pesticide Watch, Tracey Breiger from California Pesticide Reform, Susan Kegley from Pesticide Action Network and Sacramento City Councilman Robert Fong in a joint press conference held at Sacramento Grange HQ and simultaneously at six other locations around the state, including our Anderson Grange in Redding, advocating for the elimination of the cancer-causing pesticide methyl iodide.



Councilman Fong, Advocate Paul Towers, and Master Bob McFarland hold press conference at State Grange office.

On November 16, Master McFarland testified before the Sacramento City Council in favor of an ordinance that will allow egg-laying hens in residential neighborhoods, in support of a resolution passed by our delegates in October. The resolution calls for the CSG to support "by letter, resolution, donation or other means, legalizing the humane and sanitary keeping of domestic hen chickens in urban areas,

animals which are kept at one's home as pets or for personal use."

## Grangers Helping Grangers



*(Editor's Note: The Grange is a fraternal organization. By its very nature, we are a family, brothers and sisters who celebrate each others success, and help each other in time of need. From barn raisings to medical support, generations of Grangers have been there.*

*To this purpose, we are starting a new column. These are tough times, and some of our Granges are struggling. Granges need help in fixing up their halls, increasing their membership, and in some cases, simply surviving. We offer this space for Granges to ask for help or offer assistance. We kick off the series with a plea for help in repairing a septic system.)*

Fort Bragg Grange #672 had a bad Sunday morning. Famous in the area for their breakfasts, they were preparing to serve the public when disaster struck. First, the sanitizer on their dishwasher broke down and the new one cost just under \$5,000.00. That same day, they lost their septic system and at present are limping with a temporary fix. A permit has been

drawn to fix the system, but they are financially unable to continue. The estimates run between \$12,000 and \$15,000. They are doing fund raisers such as selling Sees candy, holding an abalone dinner and selling homemade baked goods. But time is of the essence.

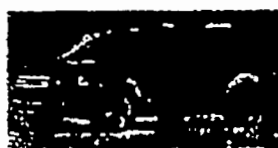
Randall Marler, the Project Manager, tells us, "I'm hoping to call upon other Granges for some financial assistance. If any Grange is able to help us, we would appreciate it so very, very much." If you can help, you can send donations to Fort Bragg Grange, PO. Box 88, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

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# Excerpts from the Master's Address

## 138th Annual State Grange Convention

October 14, 2010. Brothers and sisters, welcome to the 138<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the California State Grange.

Imagine, one hundred and thirty eight years ago our very first California State Grange convention was held *right here* in San Jose. Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States, Levi Stauus invented blue jeans, and Jim McDaniel wrote 14 resolutions to present to the delegates. Among the resolutions Jim submitted that year, a proposal to lift the hunting ban on wholly mammoths.

Our theme this year is *Growing Together*. Appropriate, after a year of getting *Back to our Roots*.

It is my honor, privilege and pleasure to be here today. By your grace, I stand here before you, grateful for this opportunity to serve. I pledge that I will never betray your faith in me. I will ever strive to see that your will is carried out and do my best to promote, protect and preserve the Grange, for ourselves and for generations of Grangers yet to come.

We are a grass roots organization. Our inspiration grows from the ground up. Our pride springs from the collective efforts of dedicated and caring individuals. Our success is measured by the good work we do in our Grange halls and communities.

One year ago, we gathered in Orangevale, determined to get *Back to our Roots*. For many, this was a defining moment in our history. Together, we set a new course for the California State Grange.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The only purpose of government is to serve the people." This principle has been applied to the new leadership of the California State Grange and its obligation to our members.

We promised to exercise fiscal responsibility, provide accountability and transparency in our affairs, promote membership growth, and re-focus the resources of the California State Grange to best serve our members and their communities.

In the aftermath of the divisive and destructive Civil War, as smoke still hung over the battle ground with the soil still damp with the blood of American sons and daughters, our founding patrons first met. Rising from the fields and farmlands, we gathered on common ground to heal and support each other, work together, and honor traditional values.

We built halls across the rural landscape of America, inviting family, friends and neighbors to share the harvest from the fields and celebrate the bounty of life. For more than 140 years, we've preserved our founding principles of unity, liberty and charity.

The Grange brought farmers together, to share common interests and promote the common good. The Grange organized farmers into one of the first collective bargaining groups and empowered them to negotiate more just and profitable agreements with railroads and suppliers, and influence legislation.

Today, cities have grown up around our rural Grange halls and we have adapted into a community service organization. Never-the-less, our agriculture heritage still grounds us today.

Our interests in agriculture have expanded to include how our crops are grown, where they come from and how they find their way to our tables? We're learning about food safety and

security. We want to reach into the classroom and educate students about healthier life choices. We're not just planning what we're having for dinner tonight. We're asking, what will our children feed their children?

Grangers have always been the tillers of the soil, the honest laborers of the day, the leaders of our communities and the stewards of our future. Are we prepared to carry on this legacy?

We must not stray from our heritage and commitment to help farmers. The Grange has been a voice for farmers for 140 years.

Across the country, farmers are returning to the Grange. These farmers are our friends and neighbors and they are facing significant challenges. While they work to feed us, sometimes they can barely feed themselves. These farmers need and want our help and we can do nothing less than provide it.

Before you this year is a resolution that proposes we create a Farmer's Bill of Rights.

This Farmers Bill of Rights is our declaration of allegiance to the farmers of California. This Farmers Bill of Rights will put us back on the map as the oldest and grandest agriculture organization in the country. I urge your support of the resolution creating a Farmers Bill of Rights.

Let us examine how far we've come this year and whether we have kept the promises we made. We promised: 1) To exercise fiscal responsibility, 2) To provide accountability and transparency in our affairs, 3) To re-focus the resources of the California State Grange to serve our members and their communities, and 4) to promote membership growth.

*Exercise fiscal responsibility.* We started out in October, 2009 riding three straight years of red ink and deficit spending:

2007 (\$31,235) loss  
2008 (\$79, 852) loss  
2009 (\$24,362) loss

Our budgets were out of control:

2007 \$741,974  
2008 \$813,918  
2009 \$669,585

Now let's take a look at how things have changed in 2010. Through June, we are \$37,505 in the *black*. Our budget for 2010 is \$539,693. That's \$130,000 less than last year.

*Improving cash flow.* We are not real estate agents. It makes no sense that we would be content managing empty Grange halls around the state and paying the utilities, property taxes and upkeep and on those properties. Not to mention, these halls take up a great deal of our staff's time. Unattended, these vacant halls deteriorate, becoming victims of the elements, graffiti and broken windows.

There is nothing sadder than an empty Grange hall. They are blight on the community and a bad reflection on the Grange. These lonely buildings deserve our upmost attention.

One year ago, we had ten empty Grange halls in California. I am happy to report that we have started new memberships

in 6 out of 10 of these halls in West Visalia, Biggs, Eastlake, Fowler, Lucerne Valley, and Chico. Finding new members to take over these six halls will save us \$1,200 a month in property expenses.

Brothers and Sisters, it's been a good year. In all we have re-organized or opened ten new Granges.

**Producing Income.** We have several vacant buildings on the Grange property in Sacramento. In this economy, we have not had much success attracting renters. This significantly impacts our income. Fortunately, we just re-negotiated a new lease with UC Davis, our last major tenant.

We have sought to be proactive until the rental market improves. Early this year, the staff came up with the idea of renting parking spaces on the Grange property. We soon discovered there was a great interest and in very little time we rented all the available parking spaces and we even have a waiting list. As a result, we added \$800 per month to our income.

**Performing Arts Center.** This is one of my favorite projects. One of our vacant buildings on the Grange property is the old GBO building. This building has a large one-room space with high ceilings.

The multi-purpose Performing Arts Center will accommodate theatre, music, dance, poetry, town hall,



Jim McDaniel (center) wins Granger of the Year Award, pictured with State Master Bob McFarland, Chief Deputy Jack Eyer, wife Pat, and EC Member Leo Bergeron.

meetings, lectures and Grange events. It is another way for us to grow, bring attention to our organization, and broaden our interests.

Unoccupied offices in the front of the building will be leased as studios to performing arts groups. Our first tenant is a visual artist that rents a small office for \$150 per month. Several other groups have expressed interest. More than \$4,000 in donations have already been received toward the project.

**Investment Accounts.** A resolution this year asks how we may better invest the money in our asset accounts? We have assets collected from inactive Granges totaling \$854,650.32. We are the managers of those funds.

Current interest rates for deposit accounts are at 1%. Our

bankers, Wells Fargo and Morgan Stanley tell me that we can expect those rates to drop even further, to perhaps even 0% interest. Would you want your money parked in an account like that?

What if we invested some of those funds in real estate for the express purpose of developing new Grange properties? For example, there are empty Mason's halls, schools, and other properties currently on the market that are exceptional values. Real estate is a much better long term investment. Please give this resolution your full consideration.

**Wisteria Hall Payments.** As you may or may not know, to renovate Wisteria hall into the new offices of the California State Grange, in 2007 we borrowed \$400,000 from asset funds. Understand that those funds are the accounts of individual Granges and money from surrendered Granges that has not yet reverted to the California State Grange. These are interest bearing accounts.

We were not making any payments against this debt to pay back money we borrowed from you, the members. At the beginning of this year, we were in arrears over \$50,000 in interest only. I'm happy to say that for the first time since 2007, we are caught up on at least our interest payments, although we have not managed to reduce the principle.

**Provide accountability and transparency in our affairs.**

A past member of our Executive Committee once told me, "If we let members attend our Executive Committee meetings, we won't be able to say what we want to say."

If there are any members of our Executive Committee that still believe we should hold closed meetings, I'm not one of them. You are all welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting times and places of our Executive Committee are posted on our Website and in our magazine for all to see, as are the minutes of those meetings.

We've even made it easier for you. In May, we traveled to Humboldt

County to have our first outreach meeting. It was well attended. We toured several Granges. We thank our gracious Brothers and Sisters of Humboldt County for making us feel welcomed and for feeding us so much food that Shirley had to be strapped down to the top of the van for the trip home.

Next year, our Executive Committee would like to have an Outreach Meeting in San Diego County, even though we understand it is a foreign country and will require passports.

**Re-focus the resources of the California State Grange to serve our members and their communities.** In a state that is 250 miles wide and 700 miles long, with nearly 200 Granges and 10,000 members, that is by no means a small task.

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*To my way of thinking, nothing we do as leaders is more important than letting our members know we care about them.*

*By Bob McFarland, Master*

**Mt. Bolivar - September 3.** Callahan is tucked away in a rugged mountain canyon 30 miles west of Mt. Shasta. The few remaining buildings from the late 1800's line the main street. The Mt. Bolivar Grange is one of them, a rustic two-story building leaning somewhat, just like the cowboy staggering out of the bar next door. The hall is the heart of this community. A gang of young cowboys call "The Wild Bunch"

to their restrooms. The Grangers of Mt. Bolivar are an American quilt of hard workers, strong women and rosy-cheeked babies. They are fortunate to have Jim and Pat McDaniel coaching them along.

"This is my favorite Grange," says Jim. And the members fuss over Jim like he's Santa Claus. Maybe he is!

**Gazelle - September 4.** The next night I attended the meeting of the Gazelle Grange, located in a countryside hamlet with terrific views of Mt. Shasta. Again, I'm joined by the McDaniels. Jim was the Master here for a number of years and a younger version of handsome Jim is depicted in a photo mounted on the wall.



*Les Rougel celebrates wife Barbara's life with friends and family.*

runs roughshod over the Grange led by none other than the notorious Ariel Roomaster. They match perfectly the western character of the town and would be right at home in a Sam Peckinpah movie.

Driving up, I was impressed to find a half dozen of the boys hammering away on a brand new outdoor stage, built in preparation for a big weekend and "American Tradition Dinner". Grants from a private foundation have provided upgrades

Gazelle Grange features a full-sized indoor basket ball court attached, bigger than many high school gyms. The court is used by the neighboring school and other community organizations. The hall is immaculately maintained. There is a lot of history here and the Grangers are very friendly.

**Independence - September 10.** I had a terrific time visiting with the members of the Independence Grange, off Interstate 5, just west

of the town of Corning. The Independence Grange burned down some years ago and was rebuilt. Long time member Ernie White remembers fighting the flames.

The meeting was well attended and a great deal of business taken care of, including a discussion of starting up a bingo operation and partnering with local organizations.

**Loma Rica Grange Ice Cream Social - September 11.** Yvette Adams whispered "ice cream" and I came running. Yvette has been the Grange Master here a number of years, and I was pleased to receive an invitation to their Family Day celebration. There is always something going on at the Loma Rica Grange.

**Ramona Grange Meeting - September 18.** Lucette and Suzy Mpramarco are wonderful hosts. They took me on a tour of San Diego County Granges and I was pleased to attend the meeting of the Ramona Grange. The Ramona Grange is a fixture in the community. The meeting was opened in full form. A bounty of fresh vegetables and fruits were provided for pot luck. Ramona has a strong membership, with many families and generations of Grangers.

**Chino Valley Grange Organization Meeting - September 19.** The 17 charter members of the brand new Chino Valley Grange met at the home of Caesar and Letty Roman to obligate members, and elect and install new officers. The Chino Valley Grange has taken up residence in the vacant Fair Valley Grange hall, about thirty miles east of Los Angeles. The rambling old



hall was once a manufacturing plant and needs a lot of TLC. The new membership accepts the challenge enthusiastically. Practically before the ink was dry on their application, they introduced the Grange to the community by preparing a Thanksgiving dinner to feed needy families. Folks, that's what being a Granger is all about. Let's welcome them to our Grange family and wish them many years of rewarding service in their community.

**Surprise Valley Organization Meeting - September 24:** The organization of a new Grange

in Surprise Valley, a ranching and farming community 150 miles north of Reno in remote Modoc County, had been Jim McDaniel's vision for many years. And this September, his perseverance paid off with the organization of the brand new Surprise Valley Grange in the quaint little town of Cedarville. More than 21 folks from the community showed up to the meeting presided over by Jim and held in a community room of a local bank. Chief Deputy Jack Eyer, GWA Chairwoman Betty

Eyer and Ambassador Barbara White from Honey Lake Grange were all on hand, as well as yours truly. Members were obligated,

have been better. The hall was wall-to-wall with well wishers; family and friends that all came to remember Barbara and enjoy Lester's famous

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Ramona Grangers surround a bounty of fresh fruit and vegetables.

officers were elected and installed. The enthusiastic new membership is a wonderful representation of the community. They are already seeking property for a permanent home of their own. Congratulations Jim and Pat McDaniel for a job well done.

barbeque in her honor. Everywhere I turned I saw Grangers gathered as Grangers do when there is a reason or a need. Barbara and Lester Rouget are legends amongst us who have spent their lives in the Grange taking care of others, serving their community, sponsoring the youth and living a full and wonderful life together. It was my great honor to be there.



A boy and his cow patty.

**El Paso de Robles BBQ & Memorial for Barbara Rouget - September 25:** I left the Surprise Valley meeting early and drove all night to attend the memorial barbeque for Barbara Rouget, 575 miles away at the El Paso de Robles Grange. I didn't want to miss either of these important events. The night drive gave me a chance to contemplate how lucky we all are to be part of this fraternal family, to share beginnings and endings, and to know each other for all of the time in between. Lester's tribute to his wife Barbara could not

**Moro Bay Grange Family Day - September 25:** Leaving Paso Robles I made the short drive to the coast to celebrate Moro Bay Grange's Family Day. This Grange sits on a beautiful piece of property just outside picturesque downtown Moro Bay. The place is a beehive of activity on this day. Canopies shaded lawn chairs filled with Grangers and folks from the community, laughing and

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## Chaplain's Corner

by Barbara Geiger  
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Another year is almost gone. My Grange Angel's are working very hard. They have kept me informed on who's sick or in the going to have surgery. I am so thankful for my Angel's.

The thought for this month: Peace and Love to all of you.  
Barbara Geiger, Chaplain

*Love at Christmas  
We think of peace at Christmas  
Along with love and joy  
This very special feeling  
Came with a Baby Boy*

*Born in a humble manger  
So many years ago  
He changed our lives forever  
As only God could know*

*The love we feel at Christmas  
Would never go away  
If with our friends and family  
We shared it every day*

Anna M. Matthews



Editor's Addendum: 'Tis the season to wish a happy holiday to all Grangers. To those who celebrate Christmas, we wish you the peace and joy promised in the Birth. To those who celebrate Chanukah, may your *Menorah* burn bright and your *driedel* always come up *nun*. To our secular friends, may you fully enjoy the coming light of the sun and a happy renewal of life.

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## Master's Address (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11)

Rule number one in our efforts to focus our resources and serve our members, is to provide you with the information, the tools and support you need.

On average, our office receives over 200 phone calls, emails and letters per day, mostly from members seeking help and answers. Our staff believes that each and every one of those members deserves our full attention.

Our website has been re-designed to promote our organization and provide resources for our members. Visitors will find information on Grange history and programs, and an invitation to join. Members will find a library of downloadable documents and information on current events. New staff member Rick Keel does a great job keeping our website appealing and up to date.

The new California Grange News Magazine is a refreshing improvement over the old format. After 30 years of the 16 page tabloid, Editor Jay Hartz was ready to try something different. We believe the new magazine is more appealing and the content more relevant.

Next year, the State Grange will have a grant researcher and writer on staff to help community Granges fund projects and hall renovations.

Finally, *Promote membership growth*. I've tracked our membership numbers back to 1983. That's as far as our records go. There was no membership growth that year and there hasn't been any since.

In 1983 we had 43,000 members and over 250 Grange halls. In 2009, we closed out the year with 8,500 members and 175 Granges. It's been a long, slippery slide.

Brothers and Sisters, I'm proud to announce that for the first time in 27 years or longer, the California State Grange has grown by 249 members this year. Congratulations. I hope you now realize the historic significance of our motto of this Year: *Growing Together*.

What we have explored together here today should bring us satisfaction that one year ago, we made the right choice to go *Back to our Roots*. Now we can rejoice that we are *Growing Together*. Let's celebrate our accomplishments, and face the challenges ahead as we travel together, down life's pathway, ever facing the light.

Brothers and sisters, we are at a crossroads.

Throughout this convention, you will have the opportunity to decide the course of our organization. There is a fundamental question you must decide for yourselves. Are we a dying organization or are we pathfinders? Do we prepare for a funeral or for the future? The Grange is in your hands.

When I was a boy in little league, many, many years ago, I wanted so much to please my father by one day hitting a home run. I watched other kids do it. Why couldn't I? But no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't do it. I felt defeated.

My father said, "Son, if you cannot *imagine* hitting the ball and watching it as it sails over the fence, then you will never hit a home run." It was the best advice I ever got. And you all want to know, did I hit the home run? Well, I ask you - can you imagine it? And if you can, then I did.

Brothers and Sisters, it is my great pleasure to be on our team and to go to bat for you. Thank you.

Faithfully Submitted,

Bob McFarland, President





# GWA MEMO

by Betty Eyer

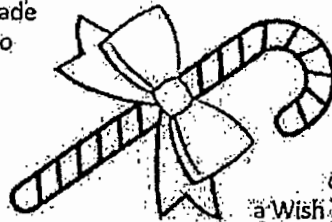
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Wow it's that time of the year—the Christmas Spirit is in the air. Christmas parties, bazaars to go to, meet with old friend's over a cup of cheer, busy making Christmas baskets, food drives, presents given out, giving to our troops over seas, caps and quilts made for the homeless, shoes to fit and I could go on but wait—we have the Christmas Spirit all year long. The hours it takes to make it possible to give all year and special at this time of the year is amazing. I am proud of each and everyone of you for making all of this possible.

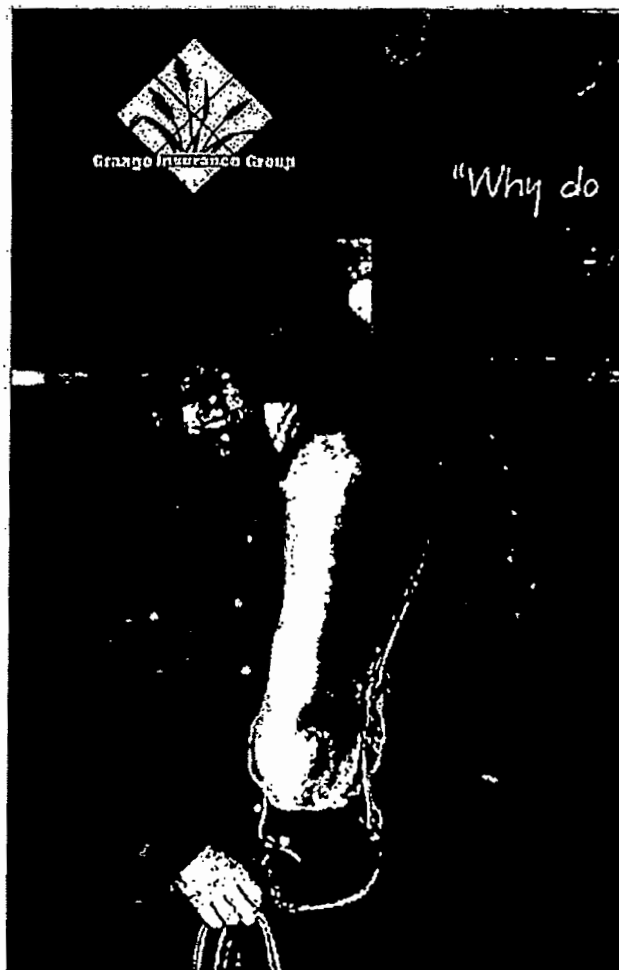
At this time a special thanks for the support given to the Shriners Hospital for children. I with Jack, Lee and


Barbara Geiger and our Worthy Master Bob McFarland made a trip to the hospital to deliver boxes upon boxes of craft supplies, books, toys and tapes. Director Mr. Anderson gave us a special welcome and thanks. We were offered to take the tour with the Red Hats which of course we did. I wish everyone could take the tour. It is awesome.

At this time I will report on State Convention. The baskets brought in \$849, the hat and soap bars brought in \$400 to be sent to the sent Jude's hospital for cancer children, the Women's March was \$891 for the March of Dimes and the cookie auction was \$540 plus we sold \$54 given those cookies quite a reputation. The contributions made this year were: Make a Wish \$192, Marinoff Scholarship \$160 and Kelly Farm \$137.



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## 138<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION SESSION MINUTES DIGEST

The following is a summary of the minutes of the Convention. For the full minutes, see the website or the Journal of Proceedings when it is published. The primary purpose of this digest is to inform the members of the actions-creating policy by the delegates, and to provide some insight on the activities at Convention. For full, revised text of the resolutions, see the Grange website.

### First Day, October 14, 2010

Session was opened in the 8<sup>th</sup> degree by Master Bob McFarland at 10:10am following entrance march of officers.

Lowered to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree by Master McFarland. Following the roll call of officers, special guests were introduced: Past Master Leo Bergeron, Past First Lady Kathy Bergeron and Past First Lady Martha Stefanoni.

Past master Bergeron spoke on patriotism as commemorated by the Flag presentation. He compared the founding of the country with the founding of the Grange. The reason we are here is to promote the values of our country. Keep in mind that we are Grangers, we may disagree, but in the end we come together to make a difference.

Sister Kathy told a story about their recent first non-business vacation, no other reason than pleasure, and she highly recommends such trips. "This is the day the Lord has made, so let's have a great convention," she concluded.

Sister Martha welcomed all to the Session, and thanked the hosts of the session. She noted that a hundred years ago they were organizing the State Grange right here in San Jose. Think of the legacy they left us, she said, and it is up to us to further that legacy.

Credentialed report given: 12 Pomona Granges attending; 18 Delegates; 51 Subordinate Granges attending, 80 delegates. We have a quorum.

Standing rules discussed. Katie Squire moved to delete the section on limiting debate to 3 people. Seconded. Motion Carried.

Martha Stefanoni moved to accept the revised standing rules. Seconded. Motion carried.

Executive committee minutes were approved by the delegates.

Budget was brought to the floor. Motion to approve the budget by Char Bunker. Seconded. Motion carried; budget accepted and adopted.

Correspondence was read from National Master Ed Luttrell, Wb. Just, Bill Booth, Bob Clouse, and Randy Lewis.

Master McFarland explained the new resolution process for this year. He has asked the Committee Chairs to come up with priority resolutions to process first.

David Lewis of the Water Committee announced that resolution 10-004 had been placed on the consent calendar.

Health, Education and Welfare chair Patty Allen presented resolutions.

10-045 was amended in committee. Strike pledges and in line 13: Favorable as amended. Moved to accept the resolution as amended by Darlene Wingfield. Seconded. Discussion: Majority of discussion was educating communities to healthy eating. It was recommended that meals served at local Granges should be healthy as encouragement by way of example. Previous question called and passed. Motion carried as amended.

Special guest Vangie Schumann spoke on the Germany-USA student exchange friendship program. She spoke of how in 1950, only 5 years after the end of WWII, the National Grange supported the need for friendship to heal the world: 500 German students came to the USA and lived on Grange members farms. At the recent 80<sup>th</sup> reunion in San Diego, it was suggested that the Grange look into reestablishing the program.

The EC informed the Master that since he did not introduce his wife, Wendy, he was fined \$5.00.

The Master gave his annual address to the delegates. Celebrating a membership net gain, the Deputies brought in sparkling apple juice to toast the upturn in our membership.

Leo Bergeron motioned that the Master's Annual Address be accepted and printed in the Journal. Seconded. Motion passed.

Deloris Larrigan, the Central Region Youth Director, gave her annual report. She said she wanted to make the members more aware of the Youth and Fair programs available to our children and grandchildren.

Sister Katie Squire gave an initial Expo report. She noted that the Expo entries were down, and posed the question "Do you really want an Expo?" The delegates gave a resounding yes, so she reminded them the future of the Expo is their hands. It is the local Grange that must promote the Expo. "The Expo is your tool," she said, "and please, please use it."

Michelle Price, Junior Grange Director gave her report. She explained that the Junior Grange organization has several programs that will help you in forming a Junior Grange in your community.

Darlene Wingfield moved to accept all the Directors reports previously given, and enter them into the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. Motion carried.

Master McFarland suggested that if we hear someone speaking on a resolution that says basically what you wanted to say, do not get up and reiterate it. Keep the discussion going.

David Lewis of the Water Committee presented resolutions.

10-026R. Kathy Bergeron moved to substitute 026 for 026R. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried; 026 was then before the delegates. Kathy Bergeron moved to amend the resolved. Seconded. No discussion; Motion carried.

Kathy Bergeron moved that only the resolved be printed in the Journal, not the whereases. Seconded. Discussion. Leo Bergeron noted that the resolved must stand on its own. Others argued that the whereases are part of the resolution as passed. Betty Ann Bringer-Rehm called for the previous question. Seconded. Motion carried. Vote on the motion: division of the house. Ayes 34 Opposed 33. Motion carried.

10-063 R. Committee recommended favorable. Leo Bergeron amended the resolution to change line 8: cross out the "and" insert "water" and add an "s" to measure. Change line 12: cross out the word "line" and make the word "bond" plural. Change line 9 to make the resolved plural, instead of a single measure. Seconded. Discussion. Lewis brought up that the resolution was aimed at a single water measure, not any future possible measures. Further discussion. Motion carried. The amended version flew on the floor. Katie Squire moved to amend by striking "good and bad" and replace with "current Grange policy." Seconded. Further discussion. Kathy Bergeron moved to recommit to committee. Seconded. Motion passed.

Government Affairs Director Mike Green gave his report.

Joseph Stefanoni moved to accept the Directors report and print in journal. Seconded. Carried.

Howard Shiner, Chair of Grange Law and Activities Committee.

10-056 Reported unfavorable. Conflict with resolution of last year. Marion Nichols moved to accept the committee recommendation of unfavorable. Seconded; Motion carried. Resolution failed.

10-058R. Recommendation unfavorable. Joseph Stefanoni moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded. At the request of Kathy Bergeron, Shiner explained that the reasons that the committee found the motion unfavorable. Master McFarland gave up his cash to respond. Discussion continued. Betty Ann Bringer-Rehm moved to table the resolution. Seconded. Motion failed. Discussion continued. Judge Martin called for previous question. Seconded. Division of the house. Ayes 48 No 38. Unfavorable recommendation adopted. Resolution failed.

10-065R. Committee action unfavorable. Bill Thomas moved to accept the recommendation of unfavorable. Seconded. Discussion. Committee report rejected. Kathy Bergeron moved to substitute the original motion for the committee recommendation. Seconded. Discussion. Joseph Stefanoni moved to postpone indefinitely. Seconded. Motion to postpone failed. (Two-thirds vote needed.) Kathy Bergeron called for previous question. Seconded. Motion carried. After the vote, the Master declared the Resolution carried; Joseph Stefanoni called for a division of the house: 2/3<sup>rd</sup> is 54 votes. Ayes 51 Opposed 30. Resolution failed.

10-012. Committee report unfavorable. Charlie Betschart moved to accept the committee resolution. Seconded. Motion carried - resolution failed.

10-041. Committee report unfavorable. Moved by Betty Ann Bringer-Rehm to accept the committee report. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution failed.

10-048 exactly the same as 10-041. Sent to consent calendar.

10-060. Committee action unfavorable. Motion to accept the committee report by Charlie Betschart. Seconded. Division of the house. Ayes 55 opposed 31. Committee report adopted. Resolution failed.

10-002. Committee report unfavorable as current policy. Moved by Dale Baker to accept the committee report. Seconded. Motion passed. Resolution failed.

10-005 Sent to consent calendar. Current policy. Enacted last year. Point of order - it was pointed out that last year's resolution passed State with the number of Granges one could affiliate with was 4, this resolution called for two. This resolution should not be on the consent calendar. Changed to Committee action unfavorable. Cheryl Bunker moves to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution failed.

10-011. Committee action unfavorable. A decision of the State office, not the delegates. Moved by Marion Nichols to accept the recommendation. Seconded. Committee report accepted. Resolution failed.

10-013. Committee recommendation unfavorable. Dale Baker moved to accept the report. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.

10-019. Committee recommendation unfavorable. Bill Thomas moved to accept the recommendation. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.

10-059R combined with 10-30. Amended to read: "Resolved: National Grange will cease to assess the State Granges \$1.00 per member for their annual National Grange Convention." Seconded. Motion carried. Amended resolution on the floor. Resolution Passed.

10-046. Committee action unfavorable. Marion Nichols moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Discussion. Dale Baker moved the previous question. Seconded. Carried. Vote on the committee recommendation of unfavorable. Division of the house. Ayes 45 No 40. Motion passed. Resolution rejected.

Session closed at 5:30 PM.

**Second Day, October 15, 2010**

Youth Team opened the session in the 4th degree. Minutes of the previous days meeting were read. Minutes corrected. Moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded. Passed.

Howard Sinner, chair of GLA committee, continued his report. 10-052. Committee recommendation unfavorable. It is the responsibility of each Grange member to grow the Grange. BJ Fitzpatrick moved to accept the recommendation of the committee. Seconded. Discussion. Bettyann Bringer-Rehm called for the previous question. Seconded. Passed. Recommendation of committee on the floor. Recommendation accepted. Resolution failed.

Master McFarland reiterated not to repeal arguments on a resolution if already stated. Sinner thanked his committee.

Jair Saxton of the Conservation and Energy committee reported. 10-008 and 10-015 placed on Consent calendar as already policy.

10-027. Committee recommendation favorable. Motion to accept by Bettyann Bringer-Rehm. Seconded. Discussion. It was noted that this is a complicated issue involving CalEPA, EPA and other air quality regulators. Buzz Chernoff moved to table the motion. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution tabled.

10-067. Committee amended the first resolves. Add after the word "with" the words "an adequate assessment has proven GMO salmon to be safe for human consumption." Committee recommendation favorable as amended. Bettyann Bringer-Rehm moved to adopt the committee report. Seconded.

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sharing conversation. Kids are outside running, laughing, playing. The sweet, smoky aroma from the barbecue rides the breeze. Inside, there are games, crafts tables, and lots of yummy food. These folks know how to have fun. The highlight of the day had to be the cow patty tossing contest, enjoyed by young and old alike. My cow patty sailed into the parking lot and smashed into a car. *I hope they'll invite me back.*

**Rio Linda Grange Ice Cream Social** - September 29. Is it just my imagination or am I always eating? Master Linda MacCracken graciously invited me to an ice cream social and early celebration of the renovations to the Rio Linda Grange with a new floor, roof and handicap restrooms. Granger Phil Hildebrand and his band O Street Jumps were on hand. Everything you could possibly want on ice cream was available at the sundae bar: nuts, whipped cream, cherries, various flavored sauces, pickles, etc. I found a cozy rocking chair and "rocked out" to the music.

**Lockeford District Grange Meeting** - October 1. First time I have ever been to this hall in the small town just east of Iodi. The daytime meeting was well attended and several Granges were represented. I was warmly greeted and served a delicious pot luck lunch. Louise Wiley has managed to get several community and business leaders to recently join the Grange. We met in the comfortable dining hall downstairs. Upstairs is the main

hall. Before I left, Louise presented me with a very nice porcelain jack-o-lantern, appropriate with Halloween just around the corner.

**Elk Creek Grange Visit** - October 2. Another Grange I had not been to was the Elk Creek Grange. Although there was no meeting on this day, Master Ed Anderson was kind enough to give me a tour. And I suppose it wasn't too much of an inconvenience, since Ed lives right next door. As we were walking the few steps to the entrance of the hall, Ed pointed to an elementary school across the street and said, "That's where I went to school when I was a boy." In fact, he said, "I've spent my whole life right here in this block." That's small town Americana, if ever there was. The hall used to be a church and has beautiful stained glass windows. It seems to be the perfect size for this community.



*Pleasant Valley Grange Wine Tour. L-R: Luci Fiday, Frank Johnson, Carol Doall, Jim & Kathy Simsom, Joyce Tyrrell.*

**Thermalito Grange Candidates Forum** - October 21. On this night, a forum was held at the Thermalito Grange to give the voters a chance to learn more about the candidates for Oroville City Council and Mayor. I was honored to be on the panel that asked questions of the candidates. Amongst the candidates for City

Council that night, our very own California State Grange Secretary, Cheri Bunker. And guess what - when all the votes were counted, Cheri won! Congratulations Worthy Councilwoman.

**Sacramento Grange PAC Workday** - October 23. PAC stands for "Performing Arts Center". On this day members from several surrounding Granges were on hand to work on the space for the Performing Arts Center in the old GBO building at the Grange HQ in Sacramento. We moved and stored partitions, clearing the space. We also stored 106 theatre chairs donated by Sacramento City College until risers can be built to mount them on. We cleaned up and marked off the space and brought in chairs. All of this in preparation for the first performance at the space, a Halloween Event held October 30 with dramatic readings of Poems by Edgar Allan Poe.

**American River Grange Halloween & Graveyard Tour** - October 29. We spent a spooky night at the historic American River Grange in Rancho Cordova, just outside Sacramento. This was their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween Night and Graveyard tour - yes, an actual night tour of the nearby Kilgore Cemetery led by self-proclaimed psychic Candy O'Donnell. Nothing like a graveyard tour to get you in the mood for Halloween. Admission is charged and the proceeds fund the many worthwhile programs at the American River Grange.

**Pleasant Valley Grange Meeting** - November 5 and November 19. Wendy and I managed to sneak

away to our own home Grange, the Pleasant Valley Grange, for our business meeting and social night in November. Congratulations to Frank Johnson, elected as our new Master. Frank will do a great job.



*Thelma Meyer, Eighty years in the Grange.*

Pleasant Valley Grange celebrated their 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 19 with a big cake and entertainment by the "Velvet Swing Girls" thanks to Lecturer Luci Friday, retiring from office after several years of outstanding service to our members.

**Bachelor Valley Thanksgiving Dinner - November 16.** I was delighted to receive an invitation from the good folks at the Bachelor Valley Grange and Master Cheryl Breneman to join them for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The lovely hall was packed with friends, family and Grangers from all around Clear Lake, about two hours north of San Francisco. We have five Granges that surround the lake: Bachelor Valley, North Shore, Eastlake, Big Valley and Scotts Valley. At the dinner, I was glad to see Dave Givich and Don Clay up and around and on the mend following some health issues.

**Sierra Valley Grange Meeting - December 1.** It's a lovely 2.5 hour

drive from Sacramento toward Reno and north to the high mountain country and home of the wonderful Sierra Valley Grange, the main feature of the tiny town of Vinton. This was my first visit to this Grange,

with the special purpose of honoring lovely Ella Miles for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and 77 years as a Granger! We had a marvelous pot luck dinner with juicy roast beef and delicious beer bread. In celebration of the season there was a white elephant gift exchange. These are a fun bunch of folks that I hope to visit again soon. Perhaps for their famous Cowboy Poetry Weekend in March.

**Millville Meeting**

**December 10.** The Millville Grange is one of my favorite Granges to visit. It is a beautiful hall located in the quaint community of Palo Cedro, east of Redding. They have perhaps the nicest kitchen of any Grange I have ever seen, both practical and attractive. My friend Flora Pearson has invited me to join the members this night for a meeting and special celebration honoring Thelma Meyer, an 80 year member of this Grange. As she entered the hall, Thelma looked truly surprised and beamed a smile ear to ear. Ernie and Betty Stephensen, Master and Secretary, hosted the event. Betty is still limping around a bit from being kicked in the knee by a cow! Three members had just returned from an Alaska trip. The pot luck tonight featured moose goulash. We will miss you, Bullwinkle.

**Mt. Hamilton Christmas Party - December 11.** For a couple of years, we've been wanting to make a trip to San Jose to enjoy the famous

Christmas party put on at the Mt. Hamilton Grange and this year, we made it. The hall was brightly decorated with holiday flare and crowded with smartly attired gentleman and lovely ladies wearing pretty holiday dresses. As always, Dom Lomboy and the members make you feel so welcomed. Wendy and I enjoyed a sumptuous feast with our good friends Lee and Barbara Geiger, Pat Schurneman, Randy and Robin Turnquist, and my pal Tom Sawyer. What a wonderful way to put us in the spirit of the season. Later, I was honored to assist Dom and Max Flores in giving out awards honoring distinguished members of this Grange. It must be the friendliest Grange in the State. No wonder they have the most members with 233.

**Orangevale Christmas Breakfast**

**December 12.** What would the season be without a visit from Santa? My wishes came true at the Orangevale Grange's Christmas breakfast where I found Santa



*A girl and her ice cream.*

surrounded by bright-eyed children. Leslie, the French toast was swell. Happy Holidays to all. - Bob

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Discussion. Leo Bergeron moved to amend by adding the resolved – "That unless an adequate environmental assessment has been conducted that shows minimal likelihood of GES escaping into the wild." Seconded.

Discussion. John Luvaas moved to amend the amendment to delete the word "minimal" and insert "there is no possibility" in the new resolved. Seconded. Amendment accepted. The amended resolution is now on the floor. Moved to accept the resolution as amended. Seconded. The resolution as amended passed.

GLA Committee resolution 10-066 was reported unfavorable Moved by Joseph Stefanoni to substitute the original resolution for the committee report. Seconded. Division of the house called. Ayes 43 No 47. Motion failed. Committee report of unfavorable on the floor. Moved by Kathy Bergeron to accept the committee report. Seconded. Discussion. Bettyann Biringner-Rehm called for the previous question. Seconded. Point of order. Can a speaker talk on the resolution and then call the previous question? No. Motion ruled out of order. Discussion continued. Shirley Baker called for the previous question. Seconded. Motion of unfavorable now before the delegates. Committee recommendation accepted, resolution failed.

Second Credential report made. 13 Pomona Granges represented with 21 delegates. 56 Subordinate Granges represented with 87 delegates. Total Granges represented 69, total delegates 108.

Marion Nichols, Community Committee, reported her committee's resolutions.

10-051 withdrawn. 10-035 combined with 10-010.

10-010. Committee amended to delete the word "all" in the resolved. Committee recommended favorable as amended. Moved to accept recommendation. Seconded. Kathy Bergeron moved to amend. Strike "and all Granges" from the resolve. Seconded. Passed. Amended resolution on the floor. Discussion. Bill Allen called for the previous question. Seconded. Passed. Committee report adopted, resolution passed as amended.

10-025 – Consent calendar.

Marion Nichols gave her final report thanking her committee. Cheri Bunker moved to accept the committee report and put in journal. Seconded. Passed.

Cherie Bunker reported for the GLA Committee.

10-037. Committee action unfavorable as already policy. Joseph Stefanoni moved to accept the report. Seconded. Recommendation accepted, resolution failed.

10-057. Committee reported as unfavorable. Kathy Bergeron moved to accept committee report. Seconded. Discussion. BJ Fitzpatrick called for previous question. Seconded. Passed. Committee recommendation carried, resolution failed.

Cass Mutters, Chair of the Agricultural committee, began his report.

10-003. Committee recommendation unfavorable. He explained the differences between "terminator" and other reproduction repressing measures. The committee had several other reservations on the facts in the resolution. Jan Saxton moved to substitute the resolution as written for the report. Motion carried. Moved by Ernest Sandoval to accept the resolution as written. Seconded. Original resolution on floor. Discussion. Moved by BJ Fitzpatrick to send the resolution back to committee for rewrite. Seconded. Discussion. Point of order called. Master's decision to accept discussion was appealed. Point of order withdrawn. Rich Saxe called the previous question. Seconded. Passed. Motion to send the resolution back to committee resulted in a division of the house. Ayes 52 No 39. Resolution returned to committee.

The GWA Women marched into the hall. After making their donations to the Grange, Betty presented the Master with a gift from the GWA. The GWA also gave the Master an I.O.U. for a quilt, to be delivered in 2011. Sister Betty introduced her GWA area directors.

During lunch, the GWA put on an apron fashion show with "professional" male apron models.

Rick Keel showed a clip from one of Bob McFarland's films. Bob was eaten by a dinosaur very early in the movie.

Session reconvened at 1:18PM.

Frank Nichols was introduced as elections committee chairman.

Nominations for Secretary

Cheri Bunker	Butte County
Katie Squire	Kern County – Respectfully declined.
Leslie Parker	Sacramento County
Kathy Bergeron	Siskiyou County – Respectfully declined.

Nominated candidates introduced themselves.

The Deputies passed out the ballots.

Lanny Cottler of the Government Committee reported.

10-018. Committee amended first resolve to cross out word "stale" and the words "of financial responsibility." Inserted new wording. Resolved reads "That all new implementation of laws by the CA State Legislature be accompanied by the source of funding". The Second resolved was amended to read "That if future new CA State laws are not accompanied with funding means, the local governments, and the public, may hold the new law null and void".

Jan Saxton moved to accept the committee action of favorable as amended. Seconded. Discussion. BJ Fitzpatrick moved the previous question. Seconded. Carried. The amendment carried. The resolution as amended on the floor. Resolution carried as amended.

10-020. Committee amended by striking the last resolved, and changing the first resolved to "CSG urges our legislators to implement laws similar to the Federal government prohibiting employment by the State of California of past legislators within two years of the expiration of their term of office." Moved by Leo Bergeron to accept the committee's report of favorable as amended. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried. Resolution passed as amended.

Election results. Cheri Bunker elected Secretary.

Nominations for Executive Committee member.

Inger Bevans – Monterey County

No other nominations. Deputies handed out the ballots.

Lanny Cottler resumed his committee report for the Government Committee.

10-021. Resolved amended. Insert "All members of Congress" and strike "congressmen" in first resolved. In the second resolved insert "shall" in place of "may." Rich Saxe moved to accept committee resolution. Seconded. Katie Squire moved to amend the first resolved by inserting "the CSG and NG actively lobby for the requirement that all members of congress, upper and lower houses, shall be provided the standard Medicare offered to our citizens at age 65, and that any additional medical insurance shall be purchased at the going rate as necessary for the Congressman's family at his/her own expense." Considered a friendly amendment. Discussion. Resolution passed as amended.

10-042. Committee amended the resolve to strike out "for the rest of their lives" and inserting "5 years." Joseph Stefanoni moved to accept the committee report as amended. Seconded. Motion carried, Resolution passed.

10-044. Amended to strike out the second resolved. Last resolved strike the words "endorse the *Movement to Amend the Constitution*". Katie Squire moved to amend the last resolved to read "That the CSG and NG lobby strongly for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would declare corporations as non-persons and therefore do not enjoy the rights of a natural-born citizen." Dale Baker moved to accept the committee report as amended. Seconded. Discussion. Resolution passed as amended.

Report of Election Committee. Inger Bevans elected to the Executive Committee.

Joseph Stefanoni moved the ballots be destroyed. Seconded. Motion carried.

10-006. Committee recommended unfavorable. Cheri Bunker moved to accept the recommendation. Discussion. Recommendation carried, resolution

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failed.

10-016, 10-23, 10-38 placed on consent calendar.

10-022. Committee recommendation Unfavorable: Kathy Bergeron moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Committee report accepted, resolution failed.

10-033. Committee takes no action. Joseph Stefanoni moved to accept the resolution as written. Seconded. Motion carried, resolution passed.

10-040. Committee recommends favorable. Kathy Bergeron moved to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Seconded. Motion carried. Kathy Bergeron moved to reject the resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Joseph Stefanoni moved the previous question. Seconded. Motion passed. Resolution on the floor. Voting to reject the resolution resulted in a Division of the house. Ayes 55 No 32. Motion carried, resolution failed.

10-047. Committee took no action. Leo Bergeron moved to reject the resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Larry Kroger moved the previous question. Seconded. Motion to reject is adopted. Resolution lost.

Jan Saxton moved that the California State Grange Master appoint a special committee to work during 2011 with the CA State Grange staff to develop a plan for transition to an annual reporting of membership and payment of dues and report to the membership at the 2011 Annual Session with a target implementation date in the year 2012. Seconded. Motion carried. Cass Mullers resumed his committee reports.

10-028. Committee reported favorable. Katie Squire moved to amend the resolve to "and advocate the use of safer alternatives for soil fumigation." Seconded. Discussion. Several friendly amendments were made with the final resolved reading "that the CSG lobby against the use of methyl iodide and communicate that opposition to the Calif. Department of Pesticide Regulation and advocate the use of safer alternatives for the control of soil borne diseases." Seconded. Discussion. The resolution was adopted as amended.

10-029. Committee amended the Resolveds. Strike the first resolved. New language:

"That since the LBAM (Light Brown Apple Moth) program is being conducted throughout our state, we ask that this resolution be sent to the California Secretary of Agriculture, requesting reclassification for LBAM as a non-actionable pest."

Final Resolved to read: "That the CSG ask all our elected representatives to work diligently and forcefully to sever the taxpayer funding for the LBAM eradication program." Kathy Bergeron moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded. Committee report accepted, resolution adopted.

10-043. Committee recommends favorable. Lanny Cotler moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. No discussion. Committee report adopted, resolution passed.

10-064. Committee recommended unfavorable. Master does not need to have delegate action to form a committee. Also the action of the committee is not defined. No method to return to delegates next year for approval. Sharon Taylor moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Discussion. Kathy Bergeron moved to send the resolution back to committee. Seconded. Discussion. Joseph Stefanoni offered friendly amendment to refer the resolution back to the ag committee to research the resolution, develop a Farmers Bill of Rights, and report it back to the delegate body at the 2011

State Grange Convention. Shirley Baker moved the previous question. Passed. Motion to send the resolution back to the Ag committee passed.

10-062. Committee recommended favorable with a caveat. While the use of antibiotics is risky, there is nothing in the resolution about using antibiotics on sick animals. Lanny Cotler moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded. Lanny Cotler moved to insert the word "healthy" before "animals." Seconded. Discussion. Amendment passed. Discussion on the resolution as amended. Martha Stefanoni moved to amend to remove "or injected." Seconded. Discussion. Joseph Stefanoni moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely. Seconded. Discussion. Larry Kroger called the previous question. Seconded. Motion to postpone failed. Amendment on the floor. The amendment to remove "or injected" failed. Original resolution as amended passed.

Patly Allen of the Health, Education and Welfare committee reported.

10-050. Amended to strike the first Resolved entirely. Second resolved strike "efforts to adopt." Committee recommendation favorable as amended. John Livaas moved to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. Original resolution now on the floor. Discussion. Leo Bergeron moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely. Seconded. Discussion. BJ Fitzpatrick called the previous question. Seconded. Motion to postpone indefinitely on the floor. Division of the house. Ayes 48 - opposed 43. Resolution to postpone indefinitely passed.

10-068. Committee action favorable. Cheri Bunker moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded. Motion passed, resolution adopted. 10-007 and 10-024 on consent calendar.

10-017 and 10-031 withdrawn.

Ann Waters called a point of personal privilege. Stated she would be forming a cooking school for diabetics.

Harry Massey, former National Membership Director and a visitor from North Carolina, was escorted to the podium. He addressed the delegates. He noted that we need eloquent spokesmen for food.

Following dinner, the State Master presented membership awards. Following that presentation, a presentation of karaoke music was enjoyed.

### Third Day, October 16, 2010

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session was opened in the fourth degree by Worthy Master Bob McFarland at 9:05AM.

Roll Call of officers found all present and accounted for. Minutes of the previous day were read. Rick Shoop moved to accept the minutes as read. Seconded. Motion carried.

Final credential report: 13 Pomona Granges represented by 21 delegates; 59 Subordinate Granges represented by 95 Delegates. Total 72 Granges represented by 116 Delegates.

Water Committee Chair David Lewis continued his report. 10-069R2. Committee rewrites, no committee recommendation. Leo Bergeron moved to accept the resolution as submitted. Seconded. No discussion. Motion passed, resolution passed.

David Lewis made his final committee report.

10-038R. Cass Mullers of the Ag committee presented a rewritten resolution. New Title: Control of Genetic Use Restriction Technology. The committee recommended favorable as re-written. Leo Bergeron moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded. Discussion. John Livaas suggestion a friendly amendment to the second whereas. Not accepted. Motion to accept the committee recommendation carried. Resolution adopted.

Patly Allen of HEW committee continued her report.

10-034. Committee amended the resolved for grammar by rewriting the resolved to read: "That the California Grange News shall include a small article concerning health in each issue." Committee action favorable as amended. Cheri Bunker moved to accept the committee's recommendation. Seconded. Discussion. Rick Shoop offered a friendly amendment to strike "a small" and substitute "at least one article." Accepted. Committee recommendation accepted, resolution adopted.

Patly Allen made her final committee report.

Buzz Chieroff moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Motion carried.

Science and Technology Committee chair Jeremy Heckman reported.

10-001. Committee re-wrote the resolve to read "that the CSG establish a program to help members gain a better understanding of how the Granges grass roots organizational structure operates." Committee recommends

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favorable as amended. Leo Bergeron moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded. Committee report accepted. Resolution passed as amended.

10-009. Committee made the following changes: Line 9 Insert "that" as the first word of the resolved. Line 9 change "Pomo9na" to "Pomona." Line 10 strike "support and" and insert after "support"... "and approval." Line 10 strike "weed out" and insert "eliminate." Line 10 strike "already" and insert "existing." Committee recommendation favorable as amended. Martha Stefanoni moved to adopt the committee recommendation. Seconded. Discussion. Inger Bevans offered a friendly amendment to amend the resolved to eliminate the word "approval." Not accepted as a friendly amendment. Further discussion. Marli Shoop offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Resolved now reads, "that resolutions generated from a subordinate Grange be shared with their Pomona Grange for review to eliminate resolutions that are existing Grange policy. And be it further resolved, that the CSG Master assign a Pomona Grange to those Subordinate Granges without an active Pomona Grange in their area to process their resolutions."

Kathy Bergeron moved to postpone indefinitely. Seconded. Discussion. Buzz Chernoff called for the previous question. Seconded. Carried. Motion to postpone indefinitely on floor. Division of the house. Ayes 27 No 60. Motion to postpone failed.

Joseph Stefanoni moved to table the motion until the 2011 Convention. Seconded. Motion passed.

10-014. Committee recommended unfavorable. Difficult to enforce, and already too many hard to enforce laws in California. Cheri Bunker moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Committee report accepted. Resolution failed.

10-053. Committee recommendation unfavorable. Would require change of National By-laws. No time limit. No definition of "activate." Master McFarland declared the resolution out of order. Cannot violate NG By-laws.

10-054. Committee action to amend resolve to read "That the CSG and the NG actively lobby to improve and increase the effectiveness of auditory warning systems at railroad crossings for the public safety." Rick Shoop moved to accept the committee report of favorable as amended. Seconded. Discussion. Karen Heckman made a friendly amendment to change "lobby" to "actively support any legislation to improve and increase the effectiveness of auditory warning systems at railroad crossings for the public safety." Accepted. More discussion. BJ Fitzpatrick moved the previous question. Seconded. Passed. Committee report fails, resolution failed.

10-055. Committee action unfavorable as difficult to enforce. Ernest Sandoval moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Discussion. BJ Fitzpatrick called for previous question. Seconded. Motion failed. Committee report back on floor. Discussion continued. Joseph Stefanoni moved to refer back to the committee for report at 2011 convention. Seconded. Cheri Bunker called for the previous question. Motion carried. Motion to return to committee. Passed.

At this time an eerie entrance by four ghoulish guests was made. After looking around the hall and passing out some Halloween treats, the group departed.

Committee final report made. Cheri Bunker moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Passed.

Guests Tom McKern, Board Chair of the GIA, and his wife Carolyn, were escorted into the hall and presented at the Master's Station. Master McFarland introduced Brother McKern. Brother McKern reported on activities of the GIA. He reported that GIA is one of the very few left that serve a specific customer base in that only Grange members may purchase GIA products.

Master McFarland noted that today was Heritage Day. A video of an interview with Ann Burow, who joined the Grange in 1924, was shown. She served as Secretary of the Bennett Valley Grange for 66 years. At 105, she is the oldest Granger in the Nation, and a member of the oldest active Grange in the country.

Sister Ann was escorted to the Master's Station where she was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award from the State Grange. After being escorted back to her seat, members shared memories of Sister Ann over the years.

Jan Saxton gave her committee report. Lauren Nebitt moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Motion carried.

Betyann Biringner-Rehm moved the CSG to mail one copy of the Expo book to each Pomona and Subordinate Grange. Seconded. Discussion. Announced that participation was down, and thought maybe many Granges did not have computers and therefore the information was not readily available. Motion carried.

At 1:30 Annie Waters presented "The Wisdom of Pomona."

At 4:00 the exemplification of the Fifth Degree was presented.

At 5:00 the exemplification of the Sixth Degree was presented.

Following dinner, the Lecturer's Talent Contest and Variety Show were held.

## Fourth Day, October 17, 2010

Prior to opening, at 9am, Worthy Chaplain Barbara Geiger presented the Memorial Service. Immediately following, Brother Tom Sawyer honored our Veterans.

The 4<sup>th</sup> day of the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Session was opened in the fourth degree by Worthy Master Bob McFarland at 10:18 AM.

Minutes of the previous day were read. Brother Larry Kroger corrected a wording issue in one paragraph. Joseph Stefanoni moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded. Motion carried.

Sister Lauren Nebitt and Brother Joseph Stefanoni awarded the W.L. Williams Awards for youth attendance to Little Lake Grange.

Sister Sharon Taylor presented a motion regarding the mailing of departmental mail and that it be sent directly to the department head rather than to the State Office first, requiring additional time and money. The Master ruled the motion out of order.

Brother Buzz Chernoff moved that the CSG Master appoint a Grange Heritage Committee to be funded with up to \$7250 from GBO funds to make a minimum of 6 tours to communities and Granges to 1) Celebrate Grange History and relevance and 2) Demonstrate and instruct in Grange Ritual. Seconded by Trudie Martin. Discussion. Brother Buzz asked to delineate the costs and how the \$7250 was derived.

Sister Inger reminded us that any use of GBO funds needs to be pre-approved 30 days in advance by the delegates. Inger explained that to pass this motion we need to suspend the 30 day notice requirement prior to this motion.

Joseph Stefanoni moved that the 30 day notice requirement for the use of GBO funds be suspended for this motion. Seconded by Bill Thomas. No discussion. Motion Carried.

Grange Heritage Committee motion on the floor. No more discussion. Motion carried.

Resolutions 10-039-GLA, Formation of Good of the Order Committee, and 10-040-GOV, Repeal of Cannabis Prohibition, were both referred to the consent calendar.

Sister Katie Squire asked about the biannual audit of the books of the California State Grange. There was no audit presented last year and none this year, but according to previous policy set, this audit is due to the delegates every two years. The Master referred the question to the Executive Committee, who replied that it is late but will be done.

Brother Kroger recognized that we have three generations of one family serving as Officers today. Darlene Wingfield, Lauren Nebitt, Brandon Nebitt and Susi Laskowski stood to be recognized.

Brother Thomas made a motion: "The CSG Sec'y will mail the cash awards for Expo winners to the Master of the sponsoring Grange for presentation. Seconded by Cheri. Discussion. Friendly amendment proposed by Cheri to have the State Sec'y send it. Motion carried.

The Master thanked all who worked so hard and put on this convention.

The Master then expresses appreciation to MI Hamilton Grange for her service. The assembly stood for an ovation honoring the convention Host Grange.

Lanny Cottler suggested for the theme of the Convention for next year, "Grange Relevance".

The Master invited Brandon Nebitt to present the Resolution of Appreciation. Lee Geiger moved and Dale Baker seconded to accept the Resolution of Appreciation when properly formatted and have it printed in the journal. Motion carried.

The 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange closed around the altar, with the traditional singing of "God Be with You" at 12:15pm.



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Number	Grange	1st Qtr 2010		2nd Qtr 2010		Gain
		Members	Members	Members	Members	
1	Mt Hamilton	164	226	62		
2	Elbow Creek	115	170	55		
3	Rutherford	64	118	54		
4	Bayside	88	128	40		
5	Mantan	40	79	39		
6	Banner	18	54	36		
7	Sonoma Valley	63	93	30		
8	Valley Oaks	46	75	29		
9	Fort Bragg	80	107	27		
10	Paradise	39	60	21		

Top 10 Granges with the largest % members gained.

Number	Grange	1st Qtr 2010		2nd Qtr 2010		% Gain
		Members	Members	Members	Members	
1	Banner	18	54	200%		
2	Mantan	40	79	98%		
3	Rutherford	64	118	84%		
4	Valley Oaks	46	75	63%		
5	Quartz Hill	26	41	58%		
6	Paradise	39	60	54%		
7	Elbow Creek	115	170	48%		
8	Sonoma Valley	63	93	48%		
9	Bayside	88	128	45%		
10	Rough and Ready	33	48	45%		

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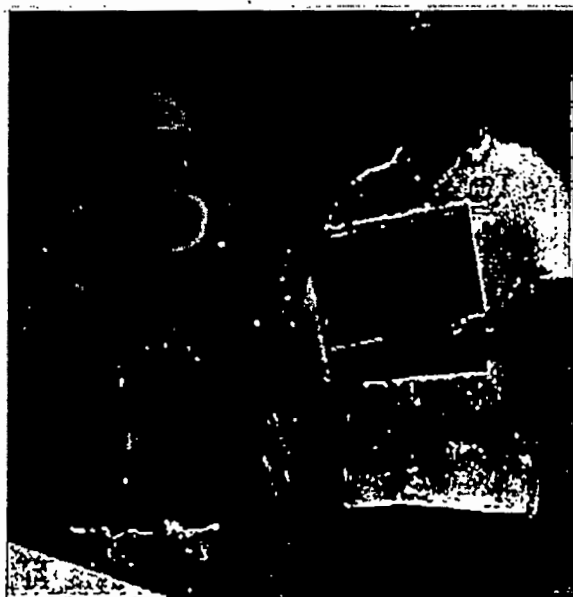
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## Master's Message

by Bob McFarland

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The setting for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree ritual is the farm during autumn harvest. The lesson of the ceremony is *charity*. Seems appropriate, as we prepare to gather in celebration of the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the California State Grange. We have shared this annual harvest since 1870. This year, our harvest is bountiful, indeed.

Brothers and Sisters, with great pleasure and confidence, I can report to you that our membership has grown for a second consecutive year, following many years of decline and despair.

In fact, by year's end we may realize a total of 1,000 new members that have joined California Granges in 2011. This is phenomenal growth. Together, we have organized or re-organized 15 new Granges so far this year, for a total of 26 over the past two years. Remarkable.

Revenue from new membership dues affects our annual budget, too. Year-to-date, we are over \$9,000 to the good. Our house is in order.

Why is this growth important? Foremost, this growth is proof-positive that we have persevered. The Graces have smiled upon us, and the rewards of our labor are manifested in this sustainable harvest.

More, this growth signifies that the Grange still has *relevance*. The lessons of our founders still *resonate*, today. People are re-discovering the Grange. Our halls offer them enlightenment, a sense of belonging, and safe harbor in these uncertain times.

Today, more than ever, our Grange scriptures have meaning: *In Faith, in Hope, in Charity and with Fidelity... Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows, and keeping*

*ourselves unspotted from the world.*

Thank God, older generations of our Brothers and Sisters never laid down our flag. These venerable Grangers planted the seeds and tended the garden that we harvest today.

The pride of these accomplishments belongs to us all. I am humbled by the good work going on in Granges across California.

And as much as we rejoice in the greatness and purpose of our collective strength, our inspiration springs from the spirit and achievements of individuals.

Not long ago, I had a conversation with Richard Jones, Master of the Elbow Creek Grange and a damn good Regional Deputy. He never seems to tire of helping the Grange, his members, the community and neighboring Granges.

Richard revealed that he faced significant challenges in his early life. He testified that his faith gave him the strength to overcome those challenges. And in a quiet moment, somewhat uncharacteristic for an old farmer from Visalia, Richard confessed that he joined the Grange to serve

others - to give back some of the good fortune that saved him. "I enjoy helping others and I'm rewarded by what I do in the Grange."

You can't put it any simpler than that. I'm betting that many of you feel the same way.

My own Grange journey has rewarded me in many ways. Meeting and making friends with many of you across the rural landscape of California. Sometimes, in corners so remote they don't even have a name.

And each time I found myself lost and weary on some bumpy, country road, I turned a corner and found the Grange. *Where I was welcomed and comforted by my Brothers and Sisters,*



## The View through the Windshield and the Rear View Mirror

by J.D. Hartz, Editor

Summer and a Granger's fancy turns toward October and our State Convention. I have been to and reported on all State Conventions since 1977. Each convention has distinctive features, and each convention has constants that never seem to change. Our members begin to focus on two questions: the direction of our governance, and the direction of our Grange. Resolutions are presented in the hopes of directing both, and that is healthy and good. The resolution process gives us the chance to establish facts and debate issues openly.

Additionally, the resolution process also chronicles the history of our Grange. Study the resolutions, and you profile the Grange, you discover our anthropology. It's the rear-view mirror that tells us where we have been.

It was George Dupray who commented that the resolutions that failed were nearly as important as the resolutions that passed, as they also spoke to the will of the Grange.

I take this opportunity to share with you my view of this history. During the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, our Grange in California grew in both numbers and influence. We worked on such diverse causes as the Suffragette movement and the Central Valley Water Project. We had strength in numbers and our legislators listened to those numbers.

Then the political climate changed. The voice of the people was replaced by the voice of organizations with large bankrolls. The Grange passed resolutions, but we had no PAC, our voice could not compete with boardrooms and their well-financed lobbyists.

At the same time, family farms, which were our natural constituency, also were in decline. The face of agriculture was changing. Our resolutions also began to change. Often we supported the agro-conglomerates, but they did not need our voice to get what they wanted. Occasionally, we would call for a curb on these giants, such as questioning GMO's and seeking water rights for the "little guy." But the political climate was such that legislative victories were few and far between. We began looking within our Grange hall walls; we could control that environment as opposed to the futility of tilting at legislative windmills.

Another phenomenon was also taking place. Our Granges began depending on insurance agents as their main recruiters. New members were coming in whose impetus

was financial rather than service. It was reflected in the resolution process in that they no longer reflected the desires of the majority of our members, only the active few. This active few kept decreasing in numbers, we

were losing membership and entire Granges. Grange halls, some nearly empty and some deserted, littered the landscape. Our rear-view mirror was showing a grim scene. But today that scene is changing and the view through the windshield, the direction we are going, seems bright and positive.

Our old constituency, the family farmer, is returning with a new vitality. Families from many sectors of our society are once again looking to the Grange as a vehicle for change. Our resolutions reflect that change.

Our culture is also transforming. While many in government attempt to hold on to pocketbook politics, change is in the wind. The people are questioning

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*The view through the windshield; the direction we are going, seems bright and positive.*



*Grange Summer Camp 2011  
South Lake Tahoe*



Grange Summer Camp was held in July at the H Camp on the shore of South Lake Tahoe. Fifty-one people had a blast! Chances are, we will return next year. Hope you will join us.

# How does your garden grow?

by Alicia Nieves

*Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
Very well, thank you.*

In the shadow of Mt. Shasta, the McCloud Grange, in partnership with the local elementary school,



Designing a garden at Scotts Valley.

has developed a community garden, now in its fourth year of production. Students are invited to participate & learn how to grow a variety of vegetables including broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, spinach, tomatoes, and beans.

*Do other Granges have gardens as well?* The answer is a resounding *Yes!* Whether it be fruits and vegetables or a flower garden, Granges are bringing something to the locals - a sense of community.



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Here are a few of those gardens.

Brookside School's farm program, under the direction of Antonia Partridge, is working in conjunction with fellow Grangers Tiffany & Cyndee Logan and the Little Lake Grange youth. The goals of the program are to create an outdoor classroom with real world learning, to improve the health of the area by distribution of the resulting foods to local schools, and to train the next generation of farmers. The farm promotes subsistence, small farming, and sustainability. The farm is off the grid, electrically (using solar power), and of their water comes from a rain catching system.

Antonia says, "It's a wonderful experience for our Grange youth learning to grow the food they eat."

Brookside Farm has an interactive children's garden, as well as fruit and vegetable gardens over the 1.2 acres that used to be a baseball field. The Children's Garden is an interactive garden geared towards visual and tactile learning.

Students from the nearby high school can use their PE class time to work the farm. The CSA

(Community Supported Agriculture) program provides the fruits and vegetables of the farm in weekly basket form. For details contact Antonia at (707) 272-1395 or email at [apartridge@ncoinc.org](mailto:apartridge@ncoinc.org).

Little Lake has helped make an important addition to the program livestock! Chickens were introduced in July. The community is pulling together to build a chicken coop.

The Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange has an organic permaculture garden.

President Damian Parr says, "The garden serves as a wonderful community center."

The garden is a bio-diverse 1/2 acre of mixed fruit orchards, annual vegetables, flowers, divided by native hedgerow. With a large oak tree in the center, and a recently acquired pavilion with outdoor kitchen, it is truly a place where the community can gather.

The garden hosts after school youth activities, and workshops for



Flowers in Pleasant Valley.

composting (a county program), apple tasting, grafting, rare fruit grower meet-ups and a harvest festival in October. They also host



internships for UC Santa Cruz students.

Not all Grange gardens are vegetable gardens, though. The Pleasant Valley Grange has a memorial garden. It contains a variety of flowering plants, planted to provide blooms over year-round.

schedule (excepting winter). This display includes butterfly bushes and a spectacular noddy lily plant in bloom this month. The garden contains a bench, walkways, and wandering vines through the flowers. Grangers Kathy & Jim Simson tend the garden.

Kathy says, "It is a place to go and meditate and enjoy the flowers, as well as to remember Grangers that have passed."

Two Granges have come together to collaborate on a project in Rio Linda. The project will be designed by the Sacramento Vegetarian Grange on land provided by the Rio Linda Grange. Their aim is to create a sustainable permaculture garden that will grow vegetables and fruits.

Permaculture is a method of farming that incorporates sustainable land use design, harmoniously integrating the land with its inhabitants. Their plans include utilizing vermiculture (worms) techniques and solar power.

They hope to involve local schools in development and care of the gardens and someday host popular events

such as "Vegfest". Currently, they are seeking grants to start the project. Let's wish them luck!



Rio Linda and Sacramento team-up.

In February, a permaculture workshop was held at the newly re-organized Eastlake Grange. During it, sheet mulch gardens were made. Shortly thereafter, Eastlake invited middle school children to plant. They currently are growing small plants, such as beans, in pots with the mulch.

Eastlake will be providing demonstrations on permaculture gardening (tiny sustainable gardens). These workshops are about how to build small gardens in suburban areas with few resources.

Trina Johnson says, "It will be good to teach people about the old skills. After we teach them to grow fruits and vegetables, we can teach them about canning and drying."

Trina is the President of the new

Scotts Valley Grange, whose members are planning a permaculture garden. The garden will use swathes of plants to redirect water, and will grow vegetables and fruits.

They are working on getting grants from sources such as PG&E. In their own backyard, they have 3 acres of land and the trailhead for the old Glen-Eden stage coach route that winds all the way to the coast.

In conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management, the Lake County Horseman's Association, and the Sierra Club, the Grange will clean up the trailhead. A native herb garden will be planted, giving many examples of native plants and herbs.

It's refreshing to see that more Grangers are taking the time to



Ellie and Miranda from Little Lake.

renew their interests in agriculture with these gardens.

We're going back to our roots.

Palermo Here We Come!

# Closing in on 139th Annual Convention

by Cheri Bunker

OK... I hope you are all ready for the 139th Annual Convention at Palermo, October 12-16.

The Butte Granges have been planning for two years to give convention-goers a fun time.

We have handmade goodie bags and handmade goodies to go in them! We have some excellent meals planned and we hope you enjoy!



In this magazine you will find a registration form, pages 21-22, and a convention schedule, page 23. Don't miss getting the name of your Grange on the convention t-shirt (see below).

Making Jam. Jean Edison, Sylvia Sloan, Aloha Dooling, Nancy Alvarez and Sherry Morehouse.

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# GWA MEMO

by Betty Eyer  
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It is that time of the year again, State Convention. My article is going to be short and just reminders for convention.

The Women's March will be going to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation this year.

I always look forward to seeing those beautiful baskets, it is our only GWA fundraiser. Please include in the basket a card with your address so whoever is the lucky winner can thank your GWA or grange.

Let's not forget those delicious homemade COOKIES. We won't need as many as we have in the past as we don't have the reception, but we still need cookies for to snack on during session. I would say about 3 dozen per grange. If you can this year put the cookies in a flat or shoe box. Instead of Ziploc bags due to the fact that the cookies have a tendency to break easier in the Ziploc bags.

I was hoping to get more volunteer hours this year but there is still time to send in your quarterly report and State Contributions, which is Kelly Farm, Marinoff Memorial Scholarship and the State Masters gift which is strictly voluntary, but we hope you will want to take part.

Please bring with you your canceled stamps and if you don't have an outlet for the articles you made, such as caps, pillowcase dresses, quilts, etc and any articles you have for the Shriner's Hospital, I will distribute them.

Entries close September 15<sup>th</sup> for the 2011 SHOWCASE, Exhibits Receiving October 12, 2011 from 10am - 6pm. Entry Release October 16, 10am - 1pm.

Last but not least I am hoping all the women are making Aprons for the fashion show. This year the women will do the show and the men... well, that will be announced at the Friday lunch, which is GWA Day.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, and looking forward coming to State Convention.

See you there!

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## Hotel Information for Convention

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Members must make their own reservations.  
\$75.00 per night plus a \$10 food credit.



Mariéne Hogaboom celebrates Violet Vitas' 95th birthday and 65 years in the Grange.

# Health Matters

by Jim McDaniel  
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Usually I begin by talking about bugs. However, though Grangers know by now methods for controlling the mosquito population, their neighbors may not. This has been a very wet year resulting in standing water in all sorts of places where mosquito larvae grow to maturity in ponds where there are no fish, in tin cans and uncleared roof gutters, etc.

So we have mosquitoes which are more numerous in the early morning and evenings. Use a generous application of mosquito repellent containing DEET. Mosquito bites can carry encephalitis, West Nile Virus, malaria and other diseases. So far this year I have not heard of West Nile Virus in California. Soon frost will kill the flying insects in the uplands, but not before November 1st in the valley.

We will continue to have arachnids, the eight legged creatures we call spiders. We have always been alert to black widows and their A-frame webs. In the valley they often live under the shingles on the sides of houses with that type of siding. They can be deadly, but usually people just get sick for a short time. My mother was bitten by a black widow three days before my sister was born. The baby only lived a short time. The doctor felt the spider bite was not a contributing factor in her death.

Gradually the brown recluse has moved into the north state. It hides in seldom used clothing, so check carefully before using such garments. If bitten by a brown recluse, get immediate medical attention because tissue around the bite may deteriorate dangerously. I think this is the worst and most fearsome of dangerous spiders.

New to us is the brown widow. It is moving northward from Mexico as the brown recluse did. It, like the black widow, has the markings and the same type web, but is less poisonous.

Most of the state has tarantulas, a nasty looking spider to look at, but they live in holes in the ground and make only local webs. But enough about arachnids.

By mid October all of us should get flu shots and update pneumonia shots if it is time. One lasts for several years. Check with your doctor. The flu shot will not give influenza. Late this summer, several in our family had

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severe attacks of late season flu - none of those affected had taken the flu shot.

A surprising survey, published in a Redding newspaper, reports that rural dwellers lead in obesity, Type II Diabetes and heart problems. I find this astonishing!

There is hardly time to keep up with all that goes on in rural areas, especially if you are active in Grange, Rotary, gardening, and have a big family like we do.

Many people move to rural areas to retire. It is easy to get used to sitting by the TV and computer, but city dwellers do this too. My suggestion is turn that off and go outside, smell the flowers, plant a garden (flowers or veggies), talk to the neighbors, go to the local exercise program, take classes at the nearest community college, etc.

When working in the garden, wear a hat, sunglasses, a good sunscreen, SPF 50. Apply to the neck, arms, legs and face to avoid melanoma. One person dies every day in the U.S. from this deadly skin cancer. Have your doctor check moles, warts, spots that change in shape, color or size. Hopefully we can wipe out this deadly skin cancer. Work in the garden in the coolest part of the day.



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## A Thank You to Mt. Hamilton Grange



Chris Chanoski (right) receives a check from the Mt. Hamilton Grange.

A very special thank you to Domingo Lomboy and all of Mt. Hamilton Grange members. On August 27th they held a fund-raiser dinner/dance in support of my niece, Chris Chanoski, who has signed up for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure. They presented her a check of \$1,000 from the Grange and \$100

from Vic Evaristo; this helped Chris reach her \$2,300 pledge goal. Chris has asked that her thanks be added to mine, she had a wonderful time with these marvelous Grangers.

Chris is the daughter of Paul & Barbara Schunneman (my brother) of Cupertino Grange.

Once again Mt. Hamilton Grangers have exemplified the spirit of charity & community - a great group of humanitarians.

Patricia Schunneman  
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*To my way of thinking, nothing we do as leaders is more important than letting our members know we care about them.*

*by Bob McFarland, State Master*

June 5 – Sonoma Valley. 10:15am and they are out of pancakes! How can this be? It's so... *un-Grange like!* But it's a testament to the popularity of the scrumptious healthy breakfasts served by Sonoma Valley Grange. At the door, standing room only in the crowded Grange hall. This is not your Grandpa Spancake breakfast. Freshly ground whole grain cakes, real maple syrup, cheesy frittatas, fresh juice and dark roast coffee and *duck sausages?* Really? How long before we see frozen versions of the famous Sonoma Valley Grange breakfasts in the cold case at COSTCO? Next breakfast: October 2, 9am – noon.

Dazzling Jim Callahan and the amazing crew of the Sonoma Valley Grange are phenomenal. Talk about community? Look up *community* in the dictionary and there is a picture of the Sonoma Valley Grange in all its glory with their brand new fabulous mural on the front of the building, beckoning all who pass. This Grange educates, entertains, enlightens, enhances and energizes. I think you can even get an oil change and a haircut there. Stop by. On any given day, you may run into the Mayor, the news paper editor, or a State Assemblyman. This Grange is *the place to be* in beautiful Sonoma.

June 7 – Corra de Tierra. I was so pleased to receive a gracious invitation from genial Master Ed Watson to attend the meeting of the Corra de Tierra Grange in Salinas on June 7. It was a special occasion to honor two Grange ladies, Eileen Rhyner and Doris Vincenz. They're both 40 year members. Even more remarkable is that they are both 100 years old, and just as lovely and charming as if they were 19. Their smiles light up the room. That's what comes from living a good life, caring about others, and being part of the Grange family. For me, meeting Eileen and Doris was one of the highlights of the year.

June 7 – Santa Cruz – Live Oak. Imagine a potluck dinner where all of the food was fresh-picked that afternoon from the Grange garden and prepared in the hall kitchen. That's not just a *taste good* meal, that's a *feel good* meal.



100 years x 2. Eileen Rhyner and Doris Vincenz.

Rarely have I felt more like a Granger than when my brothers and sisters of the Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange invited me to share the bounty from their garden. I imagined how many such meals, from the field to the table, have been shared by Grangers

across rural America, for 140 years.

Fortune shines on the Santa Cruz Grange, a diverse and talented membership, truly dedicated to bettering the lives of all who cross their threshold. Partnering with neighboring organizations, outreaching to the community with a variety of programs and projects, the Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange is a healthy, productive example of how we can serve our members and the community.

June 12 – Regional Picnic. Coloma. What finer way to spend a delightful summer afternoon than in the shade of tall oaks along the banks of the American River, enjoying good food, good times, and good friends? Granges from El Dorado, Placer, Amador and Sacramento Counties

gathered at the State Park in the authentic gold-rush discovery town of Coloma to feast on fine barbeque, fresh salads and scrumptious pies. We played games and swapped tales. Nothin' says Grange like a big old-fashioned picnic. Forget your woes for a few hours, and just be thankful for your life, your memories, your family, and friends and for the opportunities of fellowship the Grange provides.

June 15 – Scotts Valley. Here's a success story. The Scotts Valley Grange on the west shore of Clear Lake struggled for many years, with fading membership and maintenance challenges. Meetings had fallen off to *once-in-a-blue-moon*. I met at



the hall several months ago with Trina Johnson from the newly re-organized Eastlake Grange. Trina is a dynamo of energy and ideas and I was so pleased when I saw a twinkle in her eye, as she surveyed the site. She'd even gone to all the trouble of printing out the plat map of the property. I was surprised to learn the little hall was erected at the base of a three-acre parcel and that the Grange property stretches up a hillside crossing equestrian and hiking trails that follow nineteenth century stage coach routes.

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*the*  
**ad**  
with Bob

Trina assembled a group of 20 new members and the Grange was re-organized with the first official meeting held June 15. These are talented, enthusiastic folks with a shared vision of creating a permaculture garden on the hillside and making it an educational experience for the community to enjoy. The plans Trina drew up are impressive. Keep an eye on this Grange. They are going to teach us all a thing or two about working together.

**June 16, June 27, July 25 - Petaluma.** The original Petaluma Grange dissolved in the 1970's. Fast forward 40 years to the organization of the new Petaluma Grange, meeting monthly at the Petaluma Seed Bank, thanks to the generosity of proprietors Paul and Eileen Wallace (who've also joined as members).

And it is appropriate that this membership composed of local farmers, gardeners, educators, public servants, and community leaders should germinate their ideas at this world-famous toy store of heritage

seeds, a business growing within the walls of a former 1930's bank located in the center of downtown Petaluma.

The meetings so far have been a think-tank of dedicated and experienced farmers and ranchers, all sharing a common goal to celebrate agriculture and to encourage others in the same pursuit. The energy in

three Granges in various stages of closure, all located in the central valley. Over the years, the officers and members of these Granges have moved on or passed away. There are very few halls remaining. Most were sold years ago by the membership.

It is a sad and peculiar phenomenon that the Grange - *the oldest agricultural organization in the*



Bob enjoys being grilled by Dale on his bar-b-que technique. The room is infectious. No time was wasted. (The Petaluma Grange has already engaged 36 new members). Pam Torliatt, the former Mayor of Petaluma is the newly elected Grange President, joined by an ensemble of talented leadership. Hats-off to Yannick Phillips of the Sonoma Valley Grange for her valuable efforts in getting this Grange up and running. We can expect great things from the new Petaluma Grange.

**June 23 - Keyes, Stanislaus-Mountain View, Applegate.** In one day, I made a marathon trip- visiting

country has such a weak presence in this area, the farming heartland of America. There are reasons why. You could conclude that the decline over the last fifty years of small family farms sold to large conglomerates had a significant effect on the Grange, reducing our membership numbers and the Grange's influence. Farmers diversified, specialized, localized and moved their farms to areas away from the central valley, to the coast, the foothills, and high deserts.

The Keyes Grange has no hall. The bank accounts were recently closed.  
(Continued)

Even with a hall, it is often difficult to re-vitalize a Grange. Without a hall, it is daunting, if not impossible. The Keyes Grange started in 1933. We say goodbye in 2011.

The Stanislaus-Mountain View Grange has a future. This is another Grange property that "fell through the cracks". We recently re-

to the Masons ever since. A large bank account has been accumulated. These lost Granges are hard to explain. You can't say that any individual dropped the ball. But it is a wake-up call for our staff. Our radar is up.

July 11 - Healdsburg Ballet Grange: My sincere thanks to Charlie and

July 17 - Placer County Pomona Picnic: Getting an invitation to the annual Placer County Pomona Grange picnic was a treat. These are great folks. Good company and good food. Jack and Betty Eyer were there, and Dale and Shirley Baker. Wendy and I very much enjoyed ourselves.

The picnic was held at a beautiful park in Meadow Vista. Lecturer Marlene Hogaboom led us through a fascinating history of this quaint little mountain community and how it grew up around the Grange.

I can't think of a group of Grangers that enjoy each other's company more than these folks. They've been friends for many, many years, sharing life in good times and bad. Always there for each other. The feeling of camaraderie rubs-off on you!

On August 2, it was my pleasure to return to the Meadow Vista Grange and celebrate lovely Violet Vitas' 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and 65 years as a member. Violet is the matriarch of a long line of proud Grangers. And we sure are proud of her!

July 20 - Mountain Springs: Rural Mountain Springs Grange is home to a rugged, independent group of Grangers that describe notorious visits from previous State Masters. I was cautioned by my guide, Butte Pomona President Cheri Bunker, that I should make sure my life insurance premiums were paid-up before journeying to see our Grange cousins at Mountain Springs. And Cheri should know. She was the Master of this Grange at the blushing young age of seventeen. In fact, Cheri grew up just a stone's throw away from the hall. We were accompanied by friends Bob and Nancy Alvarez from the Yankee Hill Grange.



discovered this lost Grange. It is a nice, smaller hall on a donated piece of property that includes a small park, complete with picnic tables and bar-b-ques. The Stanislaus-Mountain View Grange dissolved in 2006 and promptly fell off the radar screen. For the past five years it has been maintained and rented by a small community group and the volunteer fire department, next door. The rental income has paid for property taxes and upkeep. Negotiations are now under way to re-organize this Grange using these folks as the nucleus. Stay tuned.

Finally, the Applegate Grange is another Grange that faded off in the sunset, officially closing in 2007. The last remaining officer, Jerry Cameron has been renting the dilapidated hall

Cherry Betschart for filling-in for me and facilitating the first official meeting of the Healdsburg Ballet Grange. These new members are enthusiastic but will need some hand-holding, as they learn the ways of the Grange. Bill and Patty Allen and I followed-up at the next meeting, August 25. Much as I tried, I could not get Bill into a leotard for a lesson.

Yes - the Healdsburg Ballet Grange features children and adults learning the art of dance. The school had been renting the old Healdsburg Grange hall for many years and it just made sense for them to become the Grange. The new members are planning outreach programs into the community with performances at public schools and senior centers.



To reach the Mountain Springs Grange, you gotta travel up & down a country road that is so twisty that at one point I had to stop the car, hang upside down from a tree, and unwind. When we passed the banjo boy from the movie "Deliverance", I started to worry. Then suddenly - out of nowhere - the Grange hall appeared. A nice old hall. Perfectly sized and functional for this remote community, with a good kitchen and a very nice park. Like setting out the back

My comrades pushed me into the hall. Seated quietly at tables, the Grange members appeared ghostly in late afternoon light filtering through the windows. Someone snapped their suspenders and I jumped.

Master Bob Halstead posed at the front of the hall, strangely grinning at me. I started reciting the Lord's Prayer. He grasped my hand and shook it heartily. "Welcome," he said warmly. I looked about and found everyone smiling. It was going to be okay. I was going to survive.

All kidding aside, the members of the Mountain Springs Grange are a great bunch of folks. Don't let their remote location fool you. They have regular food drives, famous pancake breakfasts and entertainment out back. They held a right smart meeting, too. I'm looking forward to returning to this Grange soon, to sample their acclaimed breakfast.

**July 22 - Deputy Meeting, Anderson Grange, Redding:** We had a very productive and well-attended Deputy Meeting at the very lovely Anderson

Grange just outside of Redding. Rosemary Hansen was our very gracious host. Chief Deputy Jack Eyer and I tag-teamed the attendees. Everyone contributed and we all learned from each other.

The highlight for me was the introduction of Joy Beatie as an honored guest. There are few folks that can be called Living Legends of the Grange. That short list includes people like Jim McDaniel, Tom Sawyer, Ann Burrow, Lester Rouget, Clyde Galey and a few others. Joy Beatie is on that list. She has been a Grange member since 1934. Joy is most admired for the many years she served as the State Director of the Women's Activities Committee (WAC). It was my privilege to present Joy with a certificate of appreciation and a beautiful pin for her remarkable lifetime of service to the Grange.



Celebrating Elsie's 90th birthday.

**July 23 - Compass Committee:** With a mission of developing a long term plan for the California State Grange, I formed the new Compass Committee.

Our first meeting was held July 23 at the State offices. It is time that we begin to consider our future beyond a two-year term of office and prepare for challenges ahead. Our financial well-being, membership growth, and our mission are things that should not be left to the wind. The Compass Committee will continue to meet with the goal of creating a long term comprehensive plan to be presented to our members for consideration. If you have a contribution to make to this committee, please contact me.

**July 24 - Sacramento Vegetarian Grange:** I was invited by the new Sacramento Vegetarian Grange to speak at their meeting July 24. They had a lovely all-vegetarian potluck prepared. I began by telling the members that it was a difficult decision for me to attend their meeting that Sunday because it was Cheeseburger Day at McDonald's.

The new Sacramento Vegetarian Grange meets in the conference room of the CSG offices. It's working out well for them because they often do food preparation classes and we have a very nice kitchen available.

Master Glenn Destatto and his delightful wife Mary are good leaders for this unique Grange. This Grange is already very much involved with the community and has had several guest speakers and seminars. They are committed to promoting healthier diets and lifestyles.

**July 26 - Loma Rica, Yvette Adams:** is always gracious, inviting me to attend the meetings of the Loma Rica Grange, and I am always delighted to accept them.

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There's often some pretty good food at the end of a journey to the Loma Rica Grange. The members meet in the very accommodating Lions' Hall in this tiny community about a half hour north-east of Marysville, in beautiful farm country surrounded by the Sierra Nevada foothills.

You can always expect a lively discussion from this robust membership. So much so, that a motion was adopted prohibiting Yvette's husband Dave and his friend Don Sinn from sitting next to each other at meetings! I enjoyed myself and look forward to another invitation.

**July 30 - Grover City Grange and Elsie Greenmayer.** Elsie Greenmayer turned 90 and the Grover City Grange hall was packed with friends and well-wishers. Elsie is a celebrity in these parts and the party was quite a bash. Elsie made a grand entrance from the stage, dressed and crowned like a queen! Great food and entertainment and a visit from her best friend Louise Palmer made her day.

Elsie received recognition from Director Betty Eyler for her dedicated service to the GWA and I presented her with a plaque commemorating her 30 years in the Grange. It was a splendid event.

**August 3 - Laytonville.** Laytonville Grange has new leadership following Master Donna Gover's retirement. My hat is off to Donna for her 47 years of dedicated service, holding this Grange together.

Escorted by Deputy Lanny Cotler, I was pleased to meet the new kids. Boy, are we lucky to have such a vibrant, engaged and multi-talented group taking the reins. Evonne Elliott is the new President. Yes - they face some significant challenges. But they are working together and taking them on one at a time.



Ladies from the Berry Creek Grange.

**August 8 - Southern California Farmers Markets and Malibu Granges.** Two new Grange birds with one stone. I was impressed with the manner in which the new SCFM Grange conducted their meeting. Master Jodi Low did

everything by-the-book. Even down to the voting sign! You don't see that very often at a beginning Grange.

Also on hand was Sonja Magdevski, the Master of the hatching Malibu Grange. We're waiting for the final paperwork, but this Grange will be a collection of small farmers from the hills above Malibu. Will their new motto be *Surf's Up?*

**August 9 - Martinez Grange.** The newest addition to the Grange family is the Martinez Grange, made up of families from the area with a focus on sponsoring a Youth Fair program and community service. They are off to a good start, having already done a fundraiser at Golden Field Park and reaching into area schools to attract 40 new applicants! We'll have more to report on these new Grangers in the months to come. Meantime, let's welcome them and wish them luck.

**August 9 - Pilot Hill and El Dorado Pomona Granges.** Revitalization meetings were held on the same night for the Pilot Hill and El Dorado County Pomona Granges. New members were obligated and new officers were installed. Joe White has been the Master at the Pilot Hill Grange for many, many years and he welcomes the new talent with open arms.

Discussions were held on what type of projects might work to better serve the community and draw attention to the Grange. Amongst ideas offered, a farmer's market and starting a garden on the 10+ acre Grange property.

The Pilot Hill Grange is the first Grange opened in California in 1870. She's still got some life left in her. Thanks Joe, Larry and Anne for keeping the torch burning.

**August 13 - Berry Festival, Berry Creek Grange.** Holy smoke! Where have they been hiding this

festival? This is the most amazing Grange festival I have seen in California. Not to mention, it is way-up in the rural foothills above Lake Oroville - not an easy place to find. Never the less, there must have been 1,000 people in attendance, enjoying the fun activities, dozens

of craft and vendor displays, great food, the art show, bands playing all-day long at the marvelous outdoor amphitheater, and an estimated 1,000 pies!

Our entourage, including my wife Wendy, Cheri Bunker, Sylvia Sloan and Jack and Betty Eyer arrived at noon, and the pies were already sold out! A Pie Festival without any pies? How unique!

Grange Master Lola Adamczak was busy painting kids' faces into butterflies and flowers. When I asked Lola if she could paint my face to look like George Clooney, she said, "I'm not that talented." Mark your calendars for next year. This one is worth it.

**August 21 - Lake County Pomona Picnic.** Is anybody else reading this column picking up on the idea that all Grangers do is eat? I'm thinking I could sell some ads to Weightwatchers to go on the pages of this magazine.

At a beautiful setting on Byron Green's farm in the rolling countryside above Clear Lake, the Lake County Pomona held a delightful picnic with tables and chairs gathered under the shady branches of a mighty walnut tree. What a pleasant day.

All my favorite Lake County Grangers were there and Wendy and I had a marvelous time. Jack and Betty Eyer were there, too. Seems like I just can't shake Jack. One of these days, he's gonna find out about Betty and me, and I'll have hell to pay.

**August 24 - Hessel Grange.** Bill and Patty Allen and me visited the Hessel Grange for their meeting on August 24. This is a dedicated, diligent group of Grangers that fully accept responsibility of caring for their hall. And they have their challenges, too.

Why I can't recall when I've heard a more meaningful discussion on toilets. The conversation carried into the night. Apparently, years of pot lucks have taken their toll

on the toilets of Hessel Grange.

The members considered low flow toilets and "regular" flow toilets... tall toilets and short toilets... cheap toilets and expensive toilets... plain toilets and fancy toilets... toilets that make a loud "swoosh" and toilets so quiet that apparently you need visual confirmation that the thing has done its job.



Jessica Beckett in Santa Cruz kirchen

Yup? Next time I need me a toilet, I'm calling Master Beth Lewis and the good members of the Hessel Grange (if they've finished their discussion by then).

**August 25 - Big Valley Grange.** Here's a very nice Grange, surrounded by vineyards outside the little town of Finley, Lake County. It's a good sized Grange, too. On this particular day we are visiting to inspect a perpetually leaky roof and the resulting water damage to their beautiful wood floors.

The word went out to neighboring Granges that these Sisters of the Order needed help. And help came, running from every direction. It's times like these that make me so proud to be a Granger.

Time and time again, we've witnessed the good deeds, large and small, that Brothers and Sisters of the Order do for each other. When people ask you, "Why should I join the Grange," tell them, "When you are a Granger, you are never alone." That's worth the price of admission!

With barely twelve hours notice, Frank and Marian Nichols, Carol Grych, Marilyn Hicks, Barbara Mezicas, Byron Green, Jim Hudson and yours truly landed at Big Valley Grange like a team of Navy Seals. With the help of a loan from the CSG Executive Committee, the Big Valley Grange will be able to fix their hall.

Next time you're in Finley, stop by this pretty hall and introduce yourself to the friendly Grangers who take such pride in caring for it: Wynonna, Carl, Virginia and Joan.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like the State Master to attend, email [master@californiagrango.org](mailto:master@californiagrango.org) or phone the State Office at (916) 454-5805.

## Chaplain's Corner

by Barbara Geiger  
chaplain@californiagranger.org

I haven't heard from my Grange Angels in the past few weeks. No news is good news so they say. I am so glad that every one is doing well.

Remember if you hear of anyone not feeling well, in the hospital, or just needs a thinking of you card. PLEASE let me know.

An Old Man Once said:

There comes a time in your life when you walk away from all the drama and people who create

you surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good.

Love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don't.

Life is too short to be anything but happy.

Falling down is part of life, getting back up is living.

I recently found out there are lots of angels. Not just Grange Angels.

On a Saturday morning in May, after coming home 5 days earlier from open heart surgery. My husband was having a hard time breathing. I called 911. The Blue Angels, AKA firemen, arrived in just 5 minutes. What a relief to see them. They started giving him oxygen and his breathing started getting easier. We have a greater respect for them now. They do so much more than just fight fires. **THEY SAVE LIVES!**

Food for thought:

Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second chance.

Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity.

Remember! Lost time can never be found.

View through the Windshield (Continued from page 4)

everything from pharmaceuticals to agri-business, from how financial institutions are regulated, to a healthy food supply that doesn't process out the nutrients in our food. The new watchword is sustainability.

Contrary to some beliefs, *sustainability* is not a euphemism for *organic*. Sustainability, according to the dictionary, is to keep in existence; to supply with necessities or nourishment; to support. Recent resolutions have called for sustainable agriculture, sustainable communities, and a sustainable existence.



Coloma Grangers today and 100 years ago.

Our Grange family is growing. We have new, vitalized members who are interested in everything from performing arts to community gardens, from healthy local business communities to local farmers markets that will provide sustainability even if the infrastructure of our global economy collapses. We are fortunate that our Grange structure provides the diversity to accommodate all who wish to participate and each view is considered and treated with dignity. Therein lays our strength.

Somewhere along the line, and quite unexpectedly, I graduated into an *old-fart*. I no longer sit in the driver's seat, but have become a passenger in the Grange van. I can still see out the windshield, however, and I like what I see. This *old-fart* is both willing and happy to pass the Grange torch on to our new, younger members. I know they will persevere.

May your windshield be bug-free and clear, and your convention fruitful and productive. See you in Palermo.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIGEST

In accordance with G-24-88, the following is a condensed version of actions of the CSG Executive Committee. A full version of the minutes is available at our website: [www.californiagrango.org](http://www.californiagrango.org) Login to the members only section.

### Executive Committee Meeting, April 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairwoman Shirley Baker. Roll call showed CSG Overseer Martha Stefanoni was absent. A phone call from Martha advising she was unable to attend the meeting was received.

A motion by Bergeron to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by McFarland. *Motion passed 5-0.*

Motion by Bergeron to approve the February 5, 2011 minutes as corrected, seconded by McFarland. *Motion passed 5-0-1.* Jon Luyvaas abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

President McFarland gave the President's Report. He reported on the Master's Fly In held in Henderson Nevada, the GIA meeting in Seattle, Washington and the National Grange Pomona Summit held in Cottage Grove, Oregon. He also talked about testifying before the legislature on Industrial Hemp. He has organized new Granges: Marin Grange, Hayward Grange, and is talking to folks in Los Angeles and Malibu.

The Master concluded his report with a proposal to the Executive Committee to consider the development of a CSG School of Agriculture.

A motion was made by Bergeron to have the CSG President form a committee to study the possibility of a CSG Agriculture School with a budget of \$5,000,000. If any good faith deposits are required, the CSG President can use the budget money provided it is refundable. A second made by Jon Luyvaas. *Motion passed 6-0.*

At this time, Past CSG President Bob Clouse, and the Geigers joined the meeting. David Smith, President of Prunedale Grange was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

### Unfinished Business

Springfield/Prunedale consolidation: The December meeting approval of the sale of the Springfield Grange was rescinded based on rulings from the National Grange President Ed Luittrell during a teleconference. A market analysis has been received by Randy Tomquist at \$200,000.00 to \$400,000.00. There are three issues at this time: 1) the consolidation, 2) the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall, 3) what is going to happen to the funds after the sale. The Geigers left the meeting.

A motion was made by Bob McFarland to allow the consolidation of the Springfield/Prunedale Granges, contingent upon Executive Committee approval of the distribution of the assets. Seconded by Leo Bergeron. Roll Call vote requested. Chairwoman Baker: yes, Kroger: no, Bergeron: yes, Luyvaas: yes, Bevans: abstained, McFarland: yes, Stefanoni: absent. *Motion passed 4-1-1.*

A motion by McFarland to approve the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall, providing the surviving Grange agrees; that all interest earned goes back into the Asset Management account and a detailed plan for distribution of the funds, including a provision to perpetuate the Grange, be given to the Executive Committee. Seconded by Bergeron. Roll Call vote requested. Chairwoman Baker: no, Kroger: no, Bergeron: yes, Luyvaas: yes, Bevans: abstained. Stefanoni was called due to the nature of the vote: abstained, McFarland: yes. *The motion passed 3-2-2.*

A motion by Kroger to have Hessel Grange pay back their loan at 7 years at 4% interest on \$13,240.02, with an unknown down payment, and Inger Bevans to send the note out. Seconded by Leo Bergeron. *Motion passed 6-0.*

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A motion was made by McFarland to have the 2009 audit done by Sneesby at \$15,000.00, Seconded by Bergeron. *The motion passed 6-0.*

McFarland said he was still trying to pay the monies for the 2010 Expo Awards. Amy Self has been rebuilding the list of winners as no info has been forthcoming from the Expo Director.

Motion by Luyvaas to send a certified letter to Katie Squire, the Expo Director, to return all properties of the California State Grange within 72 hours, or be suspended as a member. Seconded by Baker. *Motion passed 6-0.*

### New Business

Chairwoman Shirley Baker appointed a committee of herself, Bob McFarland, and Lisa Burke to outline procedures for financial assistance for Subordinate Granges. This will include asking those Granges with large Asset Management accounts to assist in funding grant proposals with which the Grange Loan Fund is unable to assist. It was decided this would help out with the plan for distribution of future funds from Asset Management accounts.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

### Executive Committee Meeting, May 26, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Chair Shirley Baker. Roll call of Executive Committee members: Chair Shirley Baker, Leo Bergeron, Jon Luyvaas, Inger Bevans, and Bob McFarland present. Members absent are Martha Stefanoni and Larry Kroger.

A motion was made by Jon Luyvaas to approve the agenda, with a second by Bob McFarland. *Motion carried 5-0.*

A motion made by Bob McFarland to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2011 as corrected. A second was made by Jon Luyvaas. *Motion carried 5-0.*

CSG Office Manager Amy Self joined the meeting and reported on the financials, delinquent Granges, the 2009 audit, and the 2010 taxes.

The CSG President Bob McFarland gave the Master's Report, which highlighted all that he has accomplished since the last Executive Committee meeting.

### Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Jon Luyvaas that the proposal for the distribution of assets from the consolidation of the Springfield/Prunedale Granges per the letter of May 15<sup>th</sup> is approved, contingent that a written understanding is provided by the surviving Grange that the interest earned by the Asset Management account is retained in that account. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. *Motion was carried 4-0-1 abstention.*

A discussion of several Granges and their problems occurred.

A motion by Jon Luyvaas to have the CSG President take title of the Lake Earl Grange hall with or without their cooperation or alternatively Lake Earl Grange is to execute and comply with the new note. A second to the motion was made by Leo Bergeron. *Motion was carried 5-0.*

### New Business

There was a discussion about the Redwood Grange and their plan to allow the Redcrest Volunteer Fire Department to build a firehouse on the Redwood Grange property. CSG President will contact the Redwood Grange and make sure the Grange is protected.

Leo Bergeron will investigate the possibility of a blanket insurance policy to cover the CSG Youth Fair program and report back to the CSG Executive Committee at the next meeting.

Next meeting of the CSG Executive Committee will be Saturday, July 16, 2011, at 9:00 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

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			Child: \$10.00		
Date:	Lunch	Dinner (entree, house specialties)	Price per day		
Thursday, October 13	First-Timers Lunch	Host Dinner	Adult: \$25.00		
			Child: \$15.00		
Friday, October 14	GWA Lunch	Masters Banquet	Adult: \$25.00		
			Child: \$15.00		
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# California State Grange 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

## October 12 - 16, 2011 • Palermo Grange

### Wednesday, October 12 – Workshop Day

TBA Legislative Committee Meetings  
 12:00pm *Welcome Lunch* – Sponsored by  
           CSG Master & Staff  
 1 pm – 4 pm Early Bird Registration & Delegate Check-in  
 1 pm – 4 pm Showcase Entries Receiving  
 1 pm – 4 pm Workshops & Activities

12:00pm Recess  
           *GWA Lunch*  
 1:00pm Reconvene  
           Nomination & Election of Officers  
           Resolution Processing  
 3:30pm Break – 10 minutes  
 5:30pm Session Closes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 6:00pm *Master's Banquet & Awards Ceremony*  
 7:30pm *Entertainment*

### Thursday, October 13 - 139<sup>th</sup> Session Opens

TBA Legislative Committee Meetings  
 8:00am Registration & Delegate Check-in Opens  
 8:30am Budget Presentation  
 9:00am Showcase Opens  
 9:00am Session Opens in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree  
           Roll Call of Officers  
           Session Lowers to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
           Introduction of Honored Guests  
           Partial Credentials Report  
           Approval of Standing Rules  
           Approval of Schedule  
           Approval of Executive Committee  
           Minutes 2010 - 2011  
           Approval of 2011 Budget  
 10:00am Resolution Processing Instructions  
           Required Constitutional Resolutions  
           Resolution Processing  
 11:30am Guest Speaker  
           Recess  
 12:00pm *First Timers Lunch* – CSG  
 1:00pm Reconvene  
           Directors' Reports  
           Resolution Processing  
 3:30pm Break – 10 minutes  
 5:30pm Session Closes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 6:00pm *Host Dinner* – Butte County Pomona  
 7:00pm *Showcase* – A Celebration of Grange  
           Artisans

### Saturday, October 15 – Heritage Day

8:00am Registration Opens  
 9:00am Session Opens in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree - Youth  
           & Junior Team  
           Officers roll call  
           Reading of the Journal of Previous Day  
           Final Credential Report  
           Nominations & Elections of Officers  
           Resolution Processing  
           Recess  
 12:00pm *Heritage Lunch*  
 1:00pm Reconvene  
 1:30pm Nominations & Elections of Officers  
           Resolution Processing  
 3:30pm Break – 10 minutes  
 5:30pm Session Closes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 6:00pm *Youth & Junior BBQ Dinner*  
 7:00pm *Lecturer's Talent Show*

### Sunday, October 16 – Closing Day

9:00am *Memorial Service and Veterans' Ceremony*  
 10:00am Installation of Officers  
           Showcase Entries Released  
 11:00am Session Opens in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
           Officers Roll Call  
           Reading of the Journal of the previous day  
           Session Raises to the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree  
           *Exemplification of the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree*  
           Recess  
 12:30pm Box Lunch  
 1:00pm Reconvene  
           Session Raises to the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree  
           *Exemplification of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree & Rose Drill*  
           Session Lowers to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
           Resolution of Appreciation  
 2:30pm Closing of the Annual Session in the  
           4<sup>th</sup> Degree

### Friday, October 14 – GWA Day

8:00am Registration & Delegate Check-in Opens  
 9:00am Session Opens in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
           Officers roll call  
           Reading of the Journal of Previous Day  
           Partial Credential Report  
 9:30am Resolution Processing  
 10:30am Master's Address  
 11:15am GWA March  
           GWA Director's Report

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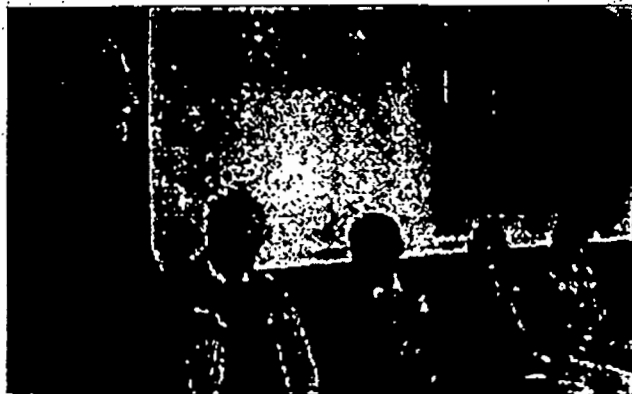


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## Master's Message

by Bob McFarland

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Before joining the Grange, I had never been a member of a fraternal organization. I was fortunate to grow up in a loving and nurturing home. My parents taught me right from wrong and to do good for others. By joining the Grange, I discovered how much more I could accomplish working with my fraternal brothers and sisters. Good deeds became great deeds.

In the Grange, I find that those basic values passed down from my parents still have meaning. I am never hesitant to bring my family and friends to the Grange. The Grange is a safe haven in a world where so many are deprived of these pure and simple truths.

As a Granger, every day I am motivated, inspired and rewarded, not just by what I may do, but by what my brothers and sisters do. As Grangers, we share our successes. The good work each of us does, benefits all of us.

We each have individual skills, knowledge and faith. At the end of the day, I can enjoy the company of my brothers and sisters, to share some food, to share friendships and laughter, and celebrate what we have accomplished together.

A Granger is never alone. When we are in need, we help each other. When we are sick, we care for each other. When we grieve, we grieve together.

I'm proud of our heritage. During these shadowy, uncertain times, I feel safe on the path my Grange ancestors have lit before me. I am proud to do my part and explore further down that path, lighting it for future generations of my brothers and sisters to follow.

Our time has come again. We are the shepherds of a Grange Renaissance. We have reason to be proud. We have reason to be optimistic. Once again, our influence and contributions are being appreciated in communities across California. The Grange has relevance in our lives.

In January alone, we started four new Granges in California. The brand-new Gold Country Grange in Spring 2011

Amador County. The newly reclaimed Coalinga Grange. And twin Junior Granges in historic foothill communities, the Gold Country Junior Grange and the Fiddletown Junior Grange. In fifteen months, we've filled 7 out of 10 empty Grange halls with new members. The lights are back on, the doors are open, and fresh air and sunlight have chased away the dust and cobwebs.

But while we can proudly point to Granges that are thriving, there are many more that are struggling to retain their leaders, find new members, maintain their aging halls, pay the bills, and serve their communities. Their burden is greater, their opportunities fewer, their dedication tested every day.

Grangers can be proud. Sometimes, too proud for their own good. Often they will not ask for help until it is too late. Brothers and sisters, are we going to stand by and let these Granges fail? I say, HELL NO! It is our duty and our privilege to help them. Grangers help Grangers.

Take responsibility. At your next meeting, ask your members, "How can we help our struggling sister Grange?" Adopt a Grange. Mentor a Grange. Whatever resources you have - money, equipment, labor, knowledge, talent, leadership - share these with a Grange that can benefit by your generosity.

Chicago Grange - what are you going to do to help Capay Grange? Little Lake - how can you help Laytonville? Bayside - what assistance can you give to help Fieldbrook? Up and down the Central Valley, from Stockton to Bakersfield, many Granges are struggling for survival. Can you help?

There is nothing we cannot accomplish if we work together. *It feels good to be a Granger.*

## Win a Grange T-Shirt

Within the pages of this magazine you will find various examples of why "It feels good to be a Granger." The phrase, "It feels good to be a Granger" appears in this magazine numerous times. The first five people to turn in the exact number of times the phrase appears, will win a new "It feels good to be a Granger" t-shirt. Phone in your count to our office at (916) 454-5805. Employees, Officers and Directors of the California State Grange are not eligible. One t-shirt is allowed per family or Grange.

# Why should you come to Grangestock?

I once had a girlfriend who said she was afraid of mayonnaise. So, it shouldn't surprise me that some of you might be afraid of an event called Grangestock that spoofs the hippie culture of the 1960's and features a bunch of swell bands playing songs from that era all day long in a park-like setting that is much more fun than smashing cushions on your couch with your posterior.

And then there's that other thing... It is for a very good cause that benefits other Grangers.

Grangestock is the principal fundraising event for our GREAT program. GREAT stands for Grange Relief Emergency Action Team. Check it out at [www.grange911.com](http://www.grange911.com).

GREAT started in 2008 after five Grange families lost their homes in a devastating wildfire near Chico. For weeks, our brothers and sisters were crying out for help. Like Deborah Robinson and her daughter Ayla, left homeless, with only the clothes on their backs.

God bless Grangers. A



handful of Granges heard their cries and came together to form GREAT. Immediately, help started pouring in. A laptop computer for Ayla, so she could continue her school work. A horse trailer for a Grange firefighter, who watched her own home burning down as she helped to save the homes of others.

This is the third annual Grangestock event. The previous two events have raised nearly \$5,000 to help the GREAT cause. Our goal is to be able to reach any Grange member in the state that has a need within two hours. Is your Grange signed up to participate in the GREAT network? Give us a call: 888-GRANGE-03.

Please come to Grangestock. It truly is a wonderful time. Dress up like a hippie. Let your hair down. Enjoy some truly terrific music in a beautiful setting. We've got good food, too. It's all in fun.

Support the GREAT cause because it is a great cause. It's all about Grangers helping Grangers.

Grangestock will take place May 14 starting at 11:00 am at the Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Avenue, Orangevale. Donations are \$10 paid at the event.

## Summer Fun at Lake Tahoe Camp

This summer we will camp in our own private forest on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe at the Nevada State University 4-H Camp.

The facilities are clean and accommodating, with very nice cabins and our own private beach! The dates are July 5-8. Check out is noon on July 9.

Imagine... waking up in your cozy cabin from a peaceful night's sleep and meandering down to the dining hall, where hot coffee and a hearty breakfast await you.

What are you going to do today? Go on a group hike through breathtaking Tahoe National Forest? Catch a few trout? Go swimming? Try your luck at horseshoes? Take in a fun workshop, like yoga, beginning guitar, or mask making? Or just relax with a good book under the tall trees.

In the evening, meet at the campfire for some

marshmallows and the sing-along. Take in the movie in the dining hall, or play board games over a cup of hot cocoa. And, of course, there's always the camp Talent Show! Fact is... *There is more fun stuff to do at Summer Camp than you can shake a stick at!*

It's the best vacation bargain around. The fees are \$128 for adults and \$98 for kids 12 and under and include four nights lodging and three square meals per day. Everyone

is welcome at Grange Summer Camp. Come by yourself or bring your friends and family. There's plenty to do, see, and share.

Camp is limited to the first 50 campers. Please call early to register - (916) 454-5805.



# April is Grange Month - Time to Grow

April is Grange Month. There won't be a better opportunity this year to grow your membership. Typically, a community Grange will waive dues for the remainder of the year for any new members signing up during April. Every Grange should already have special projects in the works to make the most out of Grange Month. Bring friends, family and neighbors into the Grange, to share our good work, our good times and our camaraderie.

Invite the community into your hall. Talk about what your Grange does, who your members are, and how much fun you're having together.

What does your Grange have planned for Grange Month? Here are some tried-and-true ideas for a successful membership drive.

**Community Movie Night.** Invite the community to attend a free family movie at your Grange. Advertise it in the local papers and with flyers in the local schools. Provide refreshments, like fresh popcorn and beverages.

Ask your guests to fill out a form with their contact information to be entered in a drawing that night for a prize. The prize doesn't have to be much - perhaps a pizza from a local restaurant.

Before the movie starts, take an opportunity to talk about your Grange and answer any questions your guests may have. Don't take too long, don't over-sell. But don't let them leave without a brochure or flyer inviting them to join.

**Talent Contest.** Stage a talent contest open to your members and the community. If you are successful attracting a good line-up of acts, you'll find the hall will be filled with contestants, and their friends and family. Again, don't miss the opportunity to talk about the Grange and invite them to join. Award prizes for the winners and encourage them to compete in regional or state Grange talent competitions.

**Free Spaghetti.** Feed the community. Invite them to join you for a free spaghetti dinner on the Grange. Show off the hall and provide some entertainment. If the spaghetti is good, they'll be open to hearing about the Grange and inlined to join.

Finally, the State Grange is here to help, not only in April but throughout the year. We can help you plan an event. Our Public Relations Department can help you get out the word. Our Deputies are always there to lend a helping hand. We want you to succeed. Give us a call (916) 454-5805.

## California State Grange

### Raise the Stakes \$500 Membership Contest

### April is Grange Month

Two \$500 Prizes will be awarded to California Granges.

The Grange that has the greatest increase in number of members between April 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011 will win \$500. The Grange that has the greatest percentage increase of members between April 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011 will win \$500. A Grange is not eligible to win both prizes.

For the purpose of this contest, members include all fraternal, family, individual, youth, associate and gold sheaf members as reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports for 2011. State, Palmona and Junior Granges are not eligible.

To be eligible the Grange must be in good standing and submit your 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports and dues by July 31, 2011. Winners will be announced at the 2011 Annual Convention to be held October 12 - 16 at the Palermo Grange.

In the event of any ties, the prize will be distributed equally amongst the winning Granges. The winners will be determined by the Master and Secretary of the State Grange and their decision will be final.



# CSG Legislative Team is Hard at Work

by Michael Greene

At its the 138<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in San Jose last year, Grange delegates took up 66 Resolutions and adopted 20 as standing policy. Nine of the twenty Resolutions call for action by state or local government on a wide range of issues.

- #10 legalization of egg-laying hens in urban areas
- #18 require new laws to identify the source of funding
- #20 ex-legislators can't be employed by the state for two years
- #28 ban use of the pesticide methyl iodide
- #29 end state funding of the Light Brown Apple Moth program
- #33 primary election ballots include all candidates
- #43 state review of programs affecting farm interns
- #62 reduced antibiotics in animals for human consumption
- #67 labeling of genetically engineered salmon

CSG Government Relations circulated the Resolutions to the special attention of members of the legislature's Rural Caucus.

AB 88, introduced by Jared Huffman representing the 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly District including Marin and parts of Sonoma Counties, implements #67. Its enactment will be one of the Grange's first priorities this year. February 18 is the last day on which bills can be introduced in 2011.



Master McFarland and Assemblyman Monning testify at Capitol against methyl iodide.

Since one of the first jobs of the legislature is to adopt a state budget, CSG Government Relations met with staffs of members of the Assembly and Senate Budget Committee subcommittees regarding Res. #29, which Grange Advocate Yannick Phillips spoke on before the Senate Budget subcommittee in early February.



Legislative team Michael Greene and Yannick Phillips.

CSG Government Relations also made contacts with staffs of members of the legislature who represent the Granges where a Resolution originated.

Resolution Res. #28 came from the Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange and CSG met with staffs of Assemblyman Bill Monning and Senator Joe Similian whose legislative Districts include Santa Cruz. Res. #29 came from Sonoma Valley Grange and CSG met with staffs of Senator Noreen Evans and Assemblyman Jared Huffman whose Districts include Sonoma County. Res. #43 came from the Little Lake Grange in Willits and CSG met with staffs of Senator Evans and Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro whose Districts also includes Mendocino County.

The Grange also spoke twice on #10, from the Orangevale Grange, before the Sacramento City Council Law and Legislation Committee.

Grangers are encouraged to contact their members of the legislature to ask them to support all the Resolutions. To find out who represents you go to: [www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators\\_and\\_districts/legislators/your\\_legislator.html](http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators/your_legislator.html).

For more information visit the CSG website: [www.californiagränge.org](http://www.californiagränge.org) or contact Government Affairs Director Michael Greene at (916) 454-5805.



# How Does Your Garden Grow? *With Bees!*

by JD Hartz

Spring is almost here! It's the time of year when nature bursts back into glorious, colorful life. It's time to ready the soil for your garden. It's also the time to start your beehive.

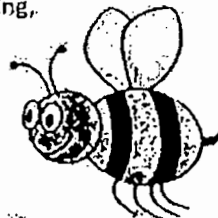
Randy Sue Collins is preparing for "Bee Season". She is the Secretary for the Sonoma Valley Grange No 407, and President of the Sonoma County Beekeepers' Association, and an organic beekeeper. She teaches beekeeping classes in her local Grange Hall and for those unable to attend in person, Randy Sue, along with professional filmmaker Paul Martin, developed a DVD for beginning beekeepers, called "Organic Beekeeping 101." In the DVD Randy Sue demonstrates how to start your own backyard hive, from building the hive stand to collecting a swarm of bees, all through beautifully filmed color footage. You follow along and learn while she starts 2 new hives from "scratch."

According to Randy Sue, California backyards from Ukiah to Los Angeles can nourish hundreds of bee species. Bees serve a critical role in pollinating native flora, backyard plants and flowers, and crops. Evidence is mounting that the number of native pollinators, especially bees, are declining globally as human population expands.

Randy Sue practices all natural beekeeping methods. She does not treat her bees with any medications or chemicals and starts all new hives from natural swarms. "Free bees" she says smiling, "even though it takes some time and a little knowledge to properly collect a swarm."

Beekeeping is a passion Randy Sue discovered several years ago. She was a full time fine artist until she placed her first hive in her backyard. Now she is the personal beekeeper for several prominent families in the Sonoma Valley as well as keeping bees in her own yard. She is

also the inventor of the patent pending, registered trademarked Hex Hive®, a newly designed hexagonal-shaped hive that duplicates the bees' own cell shape.



"My experience with the Hex Hive®" says Randy Sue, "is that it creates gentler bees. I prefer to not use smoke when inspecting hives and I find I don't need to with any of my hives."

Randy Sue loves honeybees. It's as simple as that. She is a honeybee advocate who speaks out in favor of organic practices for the backyard gardener and hopefully one day on all large farms too.



Randy Sue, Beekeeper

Her hope is that humanity wakes up to the alarm of the honeybee's plight. They are dying out in great numbers sending a message worldwide. Farming practices have to change. We need to learn to once again live in harmony with nature. If more people were aware of what's in their food and how it's grown, they would make choices that could change these current unsustainable farming practices."

To help the bees and the planet, Randy Sue admits, "Not everyone needs to be a beekeeper (even though it's a great pastime for the whole family) but anyone can plant flowers, fruits and vegetables. Bees and other beneficial pollinators need lots of forage. Everyone can stop spraying poisons on their food and flowers and refuse to buy food that has been poisoned with pesticides. We can all support our local sustainable farmers, beekeepers and businesses practicing sustainable, community values. Plus the food just tastes so much better!"

Randy Sue recognizes that beekeeping and the Grange go hand in hand, so she is enthusiastic in encouraging others to join and be a part of the solution. Becoming a beekeeper is a great way to start!

Contact Info for Randy Sue:  
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## Notes from the Office

by Amy Self

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Hello and Happy New Year to you all! Please take a minute to look over the important information below.

**New compliance for California:** This year, California has implemented reporting requirements for all non-profits. The California 199N e-Postcard is now required for all non-profits with less than \$25K revenue. The new requirement is effective January 1, 2011 and includes the requirement to file for 2010. Filing due dates are May 15, 2011 if you are calendar year. If you are set up on a fiscal year, you will have to follow that due date structure. See more detailed instructions below.

To file the California 199N e-Postcard simply use the Franchise Tax Board website at: [http://www.ftb.ca.gov/businesses/bus\\_structures/Filing\\_Requirements\\_Form\\_199N.shtml](http://www.ftb.ca.gov/businesses/bus_structures/Filing_Requirements_Form_199N.shtml)

The California e-Postcard is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. For example, if your account period ended

on December 31, the California e-Postcard is due May 15 of the following year. If the due date falls on a weekend or state holiday, file by the next regular business day. You cannot file the California e-Postcard until after your account period ends. There is no extension of time to file. The California e-Postcard is easy to complete.

**2011 Annual Word, The Cipher and Key** for the annual word has been mailed. The key is sent to our local Grange Secretaries, and the Cipher is sent to the local Grange Master. If you have not received this important information please call the State Office and let me know.

**Quarterly Reports:** We are in the process of revising the quarterly report forms for our local Subordinate Granges. Each Grange Secretary will receive a packet with new forms. Please keep in mind that you can download the forms from our website: [www.californiagränge.org](http://www.californiagränge.org).

**2010 Expo:** Our office has called some of our members because they had entries in the Grange Expo. The Expo Director has not provided us with a list of who won. We have been trying to re-construct this information. I apologize for any inconvenience. Could you please contact us at the State office with information on your winning entries. Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

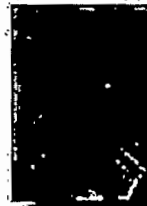
## Youth Festival Planned for August

I'm excited about the position of California State Grange Youth Director. I've been in the Grange now for about five years and feel like a child discovering something new. Our Worthy State Master Bob McFarland requested the Junior and Youth Grange groups work together to make this an outstanding year. Recently I met at the Grange headquarters with Junior Director Michele Price and we put our heads together.

We have some exciting ideas we would like to share with you. However, the BEST ideas come from YOU.

We've planned a 2011 Youth and Junior Grange Festival to be held at the Alpine Grange in Palmdale, California from August 19 – 21. The dates correspond to the Antelope Valley Fair where Junior and Youth Grangers from Quartz Hill, Orangevale, Ojai and Alpine Granges will be showing animals they've raised in competition with 4-H and FFA groups at the Antelope Valley Fair. Our visiting Youth and Juniors will root our Grangers on and learn a bit about

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## Youth Director Report

by Rosemary Fielder

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raising lambs, pigs, beef and goats.

The Antelope Valley Fair is a big new fairgrounds with lots of rides and activities to keep our young Grangers entertained. Other activities for the three-day weekend will include fun activities at the Alpine Grange, a pizza party and a visit to the Native American Village and Museum.

Comfortable and affordable lodging is nearby at the Hampton Suites. Detailed information will be provided soon. If you have a Youth or Junior Granger interested in attending, or if you would like to volunteer to be a chaperon, please contact our state office at (916) 454-5805.

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## Chaplain's Corner

by Barbara Geiger  
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As Chaplain I have been sending out cards, giving hugs when needed. The worthy Master presented me with an idea that has been greatly helpful. It is called Grange Angels.

I am only one person who lives in the middle of the state. I don't have enough eyes or ears to see or hear when someone is in need of a card. So I have an Angel that lives in the Northern part of the state and one in the Southern part of the state. Betty Eyer is one and Suzanne Moramarco the other. Bill Compton also has said that he would help out. I need all the eyes and ears that I can get, as we have so many members. They all need a card, hug or a good listening ear, even a "thinking of you" card.

What the Angels do is e-mail me so that I can get a card out. If the Angel is close by they can give a hug or ask, "how are you doing?" I feel so gratified just knowing that we are making someone's day a little brighter. You also can be a Grange Angel. If you hear of someone ill, e-mail me and I will gladly get a card out to them. Just remember to send their address.

*Happiness keeps you Sweet,  
Trials keep you Strong,  
Sorrows keep you Humble,  
Failures keep you Humble,  
Success keeps you Glowing,  
But— Only Friends .....keep you Going!!!!*

## Scholarship Deadline April 1st

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications to the California Grange Foundation office is April 1, 2011. Application forms can be downloaded from the website, [www.californiagränge.org](http://www.californiagränge.org), obtained by writing to the California Grange Foundation, or via E-mail at [info@californiagränge.org](mailto:info@californiagränge.org). If requesting forms or information via regular mail, we would appreciate a self-addressed, stamped envelope being included with the request.

Applicants should submit an essay telling us about yourself, your families, your future goals and aspirations. Why did you choose the school you did and what is your major area of study. How will this scholarship help you. Tell us about your past activities, including your participation in Grange or other organizations.

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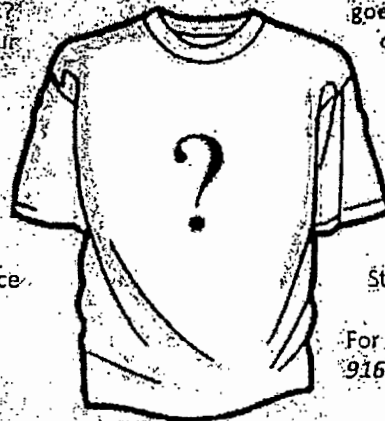
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## It Feels Good to be a Granger T-shirt Design Contest

Got talent? Could you use fifty bucks? Want the fun and fame of having your art work pasted on a shirt to be worn by good looking Grangers all over California?

Then turn in your design for our "It feels good to be a Granger" T-shirt Design Contest and could win \$50. Designs must be turned in to our office or post marked by April 15.

Use your imagination, or borrow someone else's. Just about anything



goes as long as it is not obscene or copyrighted and promote the motto, "It feels good to be a Granger."

The winning design will be chosen by a panel of judges and announced in the June CGN magazine. By turning in your entry you assign all rights for use of the design to the California State Grange.

For more info, call our office at 916-454-5805.

# Brother Buzz Hosts "Home on the Grange" Radio

by Rick Keel

Would you like to hear about legislative issues happening at the State Grange or local Grange issues facing rural areas? Then tune into KFOK's *Home on the Grange*, hosted by State Lecturer Buzz



Buzz in the studio.

Chernoff. Granger Buzz has had some interesting guests on his show, such as State Master Bob McFarland,

Legislative Director Michael Greene and Regional Deputy Dale Baker.

The program consists of discussions, stories and songs about rural living with an emphasis of Grange events and other happenings around Marshall Grange. You can tune in

locally at 95.1 FM or stream it on the web at [www.KFOK.org](http://www.KFOK.org). The *Home on the Grange Show* is on every other Sunday night from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The next show is scheduled for Sunday, March 20. Listeners can call in at (530) 333-4300. Buzz plans for a new series where he will be talking to Grangers around the state.

Some of the legislative issues that have been recently discussed include

farm rights – volunteers and interns, safe food, GMO salmon and a ban on methyl iodide pesticide.

On other Sunday evenings, Buzz and fellow Granger Cornelius O'Quinn host the *Professional Porch Sitters Union Local 4300*.

The union has no rules, no dues, no membership requirements, no mailings, no agendas, no committees, and no Robert's Rules of Order. To join just say you are a member and agree to sit around with friends and neighbors shooting the breeze as often as possible or practical.

"It is a time to slow down, sit back and tell stories and sing songs that celebrate our triumphs," said Buzz. "Their motto is *It's a Place to Just Be*."

# Mary Jane Celebrates Her Life in the Grange

by JD Hartz

Last month, Mary Jane Battaglia turned ninety. She joined the Pleasant Valley Grange in 1966, where she has served in many capacities, including Master. Her list of public service is long and varied and she is still active in at least a dozen civic organizations.

She is widely traveled, having visited all 50 States as well as numerous foreign countries.

"I'm looking forward to my 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary party this June with my husband, Batt," said Mary Jane.

Mary Jane Battaglia was born a farmer's daughter in Duquoin, Kansas in 1921, where she performed all

the chores necessary of a farm girl, including, as she puts it, "rode a horse, tractors and trucks, baked pies and used a rifle."

Mary Jane survived both the Depression and the Dust Bowl in Kansas, earning a degree in Theater Arts at Southwestern College. She taught high school English and Drama.

In 1943, Mary Jane volunteered for the Navy Department's WAVES. In 1947 she met "a dashing ex-Army B-17 pilot from California named Angelo Battaglia." Thirty-six hours after they met, he proposed matrimony and she accepted.

Mary Jane spent considerable time attending Broadway stage plays. She took night classes at NYU in broadcasting and acting. Mary Jane and Batt have three daughters born



Batt and Mary Jane

in the 1950's, Bonnie, Barbara and Beverly.

Congratulations Mary Jane on your 90th birthday and 45 years of dedication to the Grange.

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# GWA MEMO

by Betty Eyster

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*Greetings to each and everyone. May all our hopes be gratified before the year is done.*

The sun is just rising on the morning. Another year is before us. What may we wish for this year? Nothing that shall make the world or others poorer. Nothing at the expense of others, but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with us, but touch us, as they pass and gather strength. Friends who understand us. A work to do which has real value, without which the world would feel the poorer. A site of the eternal hills and interesting sea, and of something beautiful the hand of man or woman has made. A sense of humor and power to laugh, a little leisure and nothing to do, and throughout our meetings the sense of the presence of God over all, and the patience to wait for the coming of these things.

--Selected in 1937 handbook

The 1941 Home Economics theme was "Let's Keep the Bells of Agriculture Ringing." County and District Grange H.E. booths were on the increase. Greater interest was shown in the delegates convention expense fund and the educational fund, and a series of canning demonstrations was held over the State to show how pressure cookers could be used to conserve foods. Fruits and vegetables were disposed of at the Opportunity Tables in Grange halls. Grange women were asked to wear cotton dresses to help the California cotton industry. The H.E. all over the State began collecting dimes for a fund so that the State Grange could own its own office building in Sacramento.

In 1942 the H.E. women went all out for the War effort. Food conservation and balanced meals were stressed at the State Convention. Sister Emma Michalk of Visalia, Tulare County, was first in the one-dollar state dress contest. Radio talks over KPO became a part of the H.E. program, with conservation, and war work being stressed.

The 1943 program was as follows: readjusting plans

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to meet war needs, Red Cross, home nursing, first aid classes, manning observation posts, planting victory gardens, nutrition and the conservation of foods. A program of "Inspire, Produce, Conserve, Educate, and Present" featured the H.E. exhibit at the State Grange convention. Our H.E. women cooperated fully in the national sewing contest: theme was re-making discarded men's trousers into as many practical articles as possible.

With the war in full swing in 1944, the H.E. clubs concentrated on bonds sales, food production, Red Cross, blood donations, and sending boxes overseas to the boys in the trenches.

Most noteworthy this year was our war bond work. The State H.E. assisted in five bond drives during war years. This was the first and only successful drive in the rural areas and State Grange Home Economics group received a citation from Washington for it. Three hundred women attended the Home Economics breakfast at the convention, plus one man. It was the first time a man had ever attended this heretofore exclusively woman's gathering and he was fined \$10.

Back to 2011, the new Women's Activities Program is now in production and back to the old format by request with a few new community projects: Pillowcase Dress for needy girls in other countries or here in our own. Food drives, School supplies to your local school, and a new list of Ideas for Giving to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

The Women's March for this year will go to the Cystic



Planning for 2011. GWA State Director Betty Eyster, GWA Regional Directors and State Master Bob McFarland at their January meeting in Sacramento.

Fibrosis Foundation. The year 2012 will go for research for Hydrocephalus referred to as "water on the brain. Please start thinking about making attractive or fancy aprons for State convention.

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*To my way of thinking, nothing we do as leaders is more important than letting our members know we care about them.*

by Bob McFarland, Master

**Pleasant Valley – January 7.** Dorothy clicked her heels and said, "There's no place like home..." Well, darn! I don't have a pair of ruby red slippers but Wendy and I do get a sense of "coming home" when we have a chance to visit our Pleasant Valley Grange and escape the flying monkeys. On January 8, it was my honor to install officers for 2011, including new Master, Frank Johnson. A few years ago, curious Frank walked through the doors of the PV Grange and was immediately "shanghaied." He's a good man and well up to the task. Besides, there's a wonderful cast of supporting characters in the Land of OZ.

**Farmers Market Roundtable – Sonoma Valley Grange**

**January 8.** Quite a few Granges have expressed interest in hosting a Farmers Market. So, we convened a first meeting of a committee whose task is to develop a how-to guide for this purpose. A secondary goal is to explore the feasibility of starting a network of Grange Farmers Markets across the state with "brand recognition." Idea being, someone passing an authentic "Grange Farmers Market" might say something like, "Hey, I was at the Grange Farmers Market in San Diego and it was pretty dog-gone good.

Let's check this one out."

An incredible group of knowledgeable and enthusiastic folks came together at the Sonoma Valley Grange to participate in the roundtable, including Master Jim Callahan, three farmers market managers, and the Mayor of Sonoma. It is anticipated that a model farmers market will be started on our State Grange property in Sacramento. The most important element needed for any farmers market? A good Market Manager. Know anyone? We'll keep you posted on our progress.

**Little Lake Grange – Installation of Officers – January 13.** In 2010, the remarkable Little Lake Grange in Willits was honored as the Heritage Grange of the Year for



*Beauty and the Beast? Karina with Bob*

its preservation and distinctive presentation of Grange ritual, thanks to the dedication of members like Past Master and Youth Leader Erica Bruce and the creativity of Annie Waters, and for the many ways that different generations of Grangers work together in harmony. The

Little Lake Grange youth were honored with the Samuel L. Williams Memorial Youth Trophy, awarded for their participation at last year's State Grange Convention.

On January 13, it was my pleasure to install their officers for 2011. The Little Lake Grange is fortunate to have Karina McAbee return for her second term as Master of this exceptional Grange.

**Deputy Meeting – Sacramento – January 15.**

The first Deputies Meeting of the year was held at our Sacramento headquarters on January 15 and we are off to a good start with a re-focused and re-energized Deputy Team. We doubled the number of Deputies from 20 to 40 this year and divided the State into twelve regions (from the previous three). These improvements will allow us to better serve our 10,000 members at 190 Granges across a state that is 700 miles long and 250 miles wide!



Managing the California State Grange is like managing a corporation with \$4 million in banked assets, an annual operating budget of \$600,000, a full-time Executive Staff, Board of Directors, and 10,000 representatives running 190 franchises across the state. Now, all we need are drive-thru windows.

That old adage that "the Deputies are the eyes and the ears of the Master" rings true. But I've added that "the Deputies are the eyes, ears and hands of the Master" because with so much work to be done, they must not only observe and report, they must help. It is an honor to

be a Deputy, and I reminded them that a Deputy is not just a title, it is a responsibility. Without hesitation, every Deputy accepted the challenge. It's going to be a great year.

So far, we've held Deputy meetings in Sacramento, Butte, Lake, Plumas and Humboldt Counties, representing five of the twelve state regions.

**Sacramento County Installations.**

**Orangevale Grange - January 16.** Wendy and I were honored to install officers for Sacramento County Granges on January 16 at the

Orangevale Grange. The full form ceremony can be a rewarding change from more abbreviated and informal installations.

These days, when we are all prisoners to a hurried life style, it's a special occasion when members make time to dress up, set up stations, pull out the piano, put on the sashes and march with the staves. If you have never experienced an installation in full form, you're missing out. Our installation ceremony contains some of the most poetic language of our rituals. By celebrating our rituals, we honor and preserve our heritage.

**Butte County Installations - Palermo Grange - January 23.** Butte County is another Pomona Grange that celebrates our heritage with a full form installation of officers each year. And I am pleased as punch that Pomona Master Cheri Bunker invited me to install officers from Chico, Durham, Thermalito, Wyandotte, Palermo, Berry Creek, Paradise and Yankee Hill. I felt so honored to be amongst so many good friends and fellow Grangers. It was fun.

Dale Baker from Orangevale Grange and Bill Thomas from American River Grange came along for the ride. I always appreciate Bill's company, Dale - there are things you can do about your snoring.

**Hessel Grange Meeting - January 23.**

The Hessel Grange is tucked away in pretty countryside just a few miles from Santa Rosa. The grounds are lovely, with a wonderful picnic area.

sue the Grange and force their title company to step up to the plate. Neither the Grange nor the vineyard partners were the bad guys in all of this. It was simply a mistake - a BIG one - apparently by the title company.

Long story short (because the whole process took a couple of years to sort out), the dispute was resolved in a day long mediation on February 15.



Junior Director Michele Price with the new Gold Country Junior Grange.

big enough to host a small county fair.

It was a very special meeting of the Hessel Grange on January 23, as a good turnout of members considered a proposal by a new vineyard for easement rights across the Grange property. Actually, it was more than a proposal - the Grange was being sued.

It seems that the vineyard partners had purchased the property behind the Grange with an understanding that easement was included. But somebody neglected to inform the Grange of that.

The vineyard had little choice but to

with Hessel Master Beth Lewis and yours truly representing the Hessel Grange.

Beth was a little apprehensive with a trial looming in her future. In an attempt to comfort her and in my best John Wayne, I said, "Why don't ya worry little Missy. Wuh, I'll betcha a peach pie that we'll get this thing settled. today!"

Problem was, we didn't have an attorney. And Beth and I were underdressed - looking like cast members from "Hee Haw" compared to the other side represented by a group of dapper three-piece attorneys, several robed Justices from the Supreme Court and Darth Vader.

Beth and I somehow managed to come out okay. In exchange for easement rights, all of the concerns of the Grange were met and an undisclosed amount will be paid to the Hessel Grange. Beth already has the money earmarked for improvements to the Grange, a possible scholarship fund - and a peach pie.

tribute to her in a way only Ken could do. The outpouring of love for Judy and support for Ken was overwhelming.

Judy will be missed and remembered for her humor, her independence, and for her work with Ken in making the Taylorsville Grange a vital part of her community.

There is an old-fashioned grocery store, a bar, a post office, a vintage church built in 1875 and a beauty parlor. That's about it.

The Grange has replaced the original building that burned down some 50 years ago. Several years back, the hall was repainted. The donated red paint was obviously of a low quality because the hall is now purple and could serve as a studio for *Barney the Dinosaur*. This hall is also renowned for its "bouncing dance floor".

Last December, a couple of the officers of Taylorsville Grange announced to the local paper that the hall was closing. After a couple of years and a lot of effort trying to build up membership, these officers grew tired of "doing all the work." But the headline in the local paper read: "Grange Hall Calls It Quits." Ouch.

I wrote a rebuttal to that article and sent it to the editor. I quoted Mark Twain who once said "The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated." I was quick to point out that the resignation of two officers does not constitute a Grange calling it quits. In fact, I said, "The Taylorsville Grange is alive and well, and will have a meeting on February 1 to elect new officers and make plans for the coming year." And we did just that.

Here, I want to give special mention to a wonderful lady and very capable

Deputy Barbara White from the Honey Lake Valley Grange in Susanville. Barbara almost single-handedly saved the purple Grange from closure. Between that terrible newspaper article in December and



Friendly members of the Bayside Grange.

Cowboy hats off to Master Beth Lewis for her perseverance and a job well done. She was a new Master when it all started. She hung in there for her members and her Grange.

**Judy's Memorial - Chico Grange - January 29.** We said goodbye to a dear friend and Grange sister in a celebration of her life at the Chico Grange on January 29. Judy Johnson Donnell was spirited away in a surreal accident in December, when a boulder came down off a mountain and met her on the road. With the help of Judy's friends, husband Ken Donnell said goodbye in a wonderful

**Eastlake Grange Re-organization - January 30.** The Eastlake Grange in Lake County has had a rough on again-off-again existence. Part of the trouble with keeping a viable membership in the Eastlake Grange has been its maintenance and repair issues. Left vacant for several years, it attracted vandals that broke out windows and crashed in doors. Uncared for, it has heating and plumbing problems, to boot.

On January 30, we re-organized this Grange with 20+ new members. These folks are young, enthusiastic, and have a vision that includes a children's after-school program, a community bistro, and working with food co-operatives in the area. They are joined by a handful of

remaining members that welcomed them with open arms. Lonnie Caldwell is the newly elected Master. He is balanced,

focused, and supported by the new members.

We can expect great things to come from the newly re-organized Eastlake Grange.

**Taylorsville Grange - January 30.** Taylorsville is a picturesque little community on the edge of the Indian Valley in remote Plumas County.

**"We signed up and obligated 32 new members that night."**



the re-organization meeting, six weeks later, Barbara worked diligently to persuade remaining members and some new ones to keep the Grange going.

And it couldn't have gone better. About fifty people showed up for the meeting. On hand from the State Grange to support the effort were Jim McDaniel, Jack and Betty Eyer, Ken Donnell, Jack Haslem, Val Brazil, and, of course, Barbara White.

Each of us took turns speaking about the Grange, its history, community service, youth programs and member benefits. It must have been a good effort because we signed up and obligated 32 new members that night. Kevin Goss was elected as the new Master. Kevin is young and works at the local pharmacy in nearby Greenville. Everyone knows Kevin, and he will be good for the Grange.

Nights like these, it feels good to be a Granger.

**Yankee Hill Grange - February 2**  
Two of my good friends, Bob and Nancy Alvarez, are the Master and Secretary of the Yankee Hill Grange. Their history and accomplishments in the Grange are notable. They are both State Grange Officers. Bob is our Gatekeeper and Nancy is our Ceres.

Their work at the Yankee Hill Grange, along with other dedicated members, is impressive. During the terrible forest fires in the summer of 2008, when five Grange families lost their homes in that area, the Yankee Hill Grange opened its doors to the community and for a week provided food and safe haven for firefighters, emergency personnel and others.

Now, understandably, Bob and Nancy

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are tired and frustrated that they aren't finding new members to join the Grange and share the work.

At their meeting February 2, we brainstormed on what might work in their community. A wireless internet service available to the community was discussed. And a community movie night was proposed (they are a good 40 minutes from the nearest movie theatre).

"Great idea," they said, "but where are we supposed to get the money to buy the equipment to put on a monthly community movie night?"

Folks, I'm often asked, "What has the State Grange done for us lately?" Well, for one thing, the

effort to open their doors and grow membership!

We do listen. We do care. I'm looking forward to attending the first movie night at Yankee Hill Grange.

If you are a Grange member, you are never alone. While we strive to serve our communities, we must also strive to serve each other. It feels good to be a Granger.

**Golden Empire Grange - February 3**  
The Golden Empire Grange is an impressive hall that sits on a hillside overlooking the fabulous Mother Lode community of Grass Valley. It is always a pleasure to visit with these friendly folks.



State Master presents Little Lake Grange Youth Ellie Bruce and Tafa Logan with the Samuel L. Williams Youth Trophy.

Executive Committee of the State Grange just purchased a new digital movie projector to be given to the Butte County Pomona Grange to be shared with rural Granges in that area, including Yankee Hill, to put on community movie nights in an

Tonight, I was once again honored to install the Grange officers for 2011. After the meeting, I was treated to a very nice dinner by Master Sydney Hunt, Secretary Beverly Glenn and Paula Orlando. It turns out Sydney is quite the artist, and she gave me a

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tour of her paintings.

The trade-mark program of this Grange supports the community's interest in western dancing.

#### **Freshwater Grange Breakfast—**

**February 6.** On this lovely winter morning, the dew rises off the tops of the Victorian homes in the little village of Freshwater, nestled in a redwood forest east of Eureka. It's always a pleasure to visit the Freshwater Grange. Today they are serving up their famous breakfast.

A line winds down the stairs to the basement kitchen and dining area, where long tables and benches are packed with blissful kids, moms, dads, and grandparents. It's truly a community family event. They are there to enjoy the marvelous, healthy breakfast that features whole grain pancakes, turkey sausage, and genuine maple syrup. Umm mmm.

Our good friend and Deputy Dwight Winegar shares his breakfast with a group of pals. But you can barely get his attention as he devours the delicious pancakes. Grange President Laura Sullivan, her husband Patrick, and a jovial crew are serving up pancakes with a smile. This is a young Grange full of promise. It is the heart of the community.

#### **Humboldt County Pomona Grange—**

**February 6.** After breakfast, I was pleased to attend the meeting of the Humboldt County Pomona Grange. Newly elected Pomona President Lois Trumbull leads us through a full-form meeting. The Humboldt Grange is a magnificent, large hall. It would make an excellent location for a future State Grange Convention.

Our thanks to Humboldt Grange Master Betty Crile for her hospitality and good food.

**Bayside Grange—February 7.** This is the first time I have had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Bayside Grange, east of Eureka. The Bayside Grange is a beautiful, big hall tucked away in a country setting. It is in wonderful condition, thanks to the hard work of dedicated members.

Grange President Jack Surmani and the other officers are crowded around a table, each of them with stacks of paperwork, laptops and binders, detailing the many community projects this Grange sponsors. The meeting covers everything from music to kitchen renovations. Their service to the community is quite impressive.

These Grange members have a myriad of skills that synergize to best serve their community. No individual talent is overlooked. These are friendly, warm people and it was a pleasure to spend some time with them.

#### **Tony Rodriguez Remembered—**

##### **Prunedale Grange—February 13.**

Humbled, I was to attend the celebration of life service held February 13 at the Prunedale Grange for Tony Rodriguez. Born in 1913, Tony was 98 years old and he spent 45 of those years in the Grange. One of his friends said he was active until the end.

Tony was not a lazy man. He grew up on his family's farm in Watsonville. At the age of 21, his father became ill and Tony took over operating the farm. From that early introduction to hard work, responsibility and enjoying the rewards of good labor—Tony never looked back.

He also never turned his back on his friends, his community or his Grange. One of the annex buildings of the Prunedale Grange is named after

Tony, because he put it there! He was a handsome, rugged character, a tireless worker, and a kind and gentle provider.



*Tony Rodriguez.*

Tony was a farmer that loved tractors. A devoted husband and father that loved his family. A fisherman that loved his friends and the outdoors. A bootlegger, an artist, and a writer of books. He made all he could out of life. His gift to the rest of us is his example.

#### **Gold Country Grange Organization**

##### **Meeting—February 17.**

There is nothing more rewarding than starting a brand new Grange. And we converged on the gold rush town of Lone in Amador County on February 17 to do just that. The brand new Gold Country Community Grange was formed. On the same night, we formed the Gold Country Junior Grange, too! State Junior Grange Director Michele Price was there to congratulate and cheer on the large group of young Grangers. Regional Deputy Dale Baker and Deputy Bill Thomas were with us, too.

The community hall was packed with

families. A welcome sight. This new Grange plans to focus on supporting the youth to show their animals at the Amador County Fair. That's an event we don't want to miss!

**Placer County Past Masters Night – Mt. Vernon Grange – February 19.** The annual gathering to celebrate Past Masters from Granges in Placer County was held February 22 at the Mt. Vernon Grange in Auburn. Grangers from near and far were in attendance. Wendy and I were honored to be in such distinguished company.

One by one, each of the past Masters was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a metal Grange decal by Mt. Vernon Master Manuel Ferreira and yours truly. Amongst the past Masters honored this evening, Jim McDaniel with his lovely wife Pat. They came all the way from Mt. Shasta to be there. The Past Masters Night is a wonderful tradition.

**Sebastopol Grange – February 22.** Wendy works full time. And we still have kids at home. So, she can't accompany me on most of my road trips. Sometimes, it gets lonely on the road.

I must confess. There is another woman:

Her name is Angela. On these long trips, it's comforting just to hear her voice. At times, I feel so lost. She helps me find my way. Sure, we disagree at times. But almost always, Angela straightens me out. She is the perfect travel companion. Angela is my GPS (global positioning device).

And why am I now telling you about Angela? Because there are times when she won't talk to me. Like when I give her an erroneous address – such as 6000 Sebastopol Road,

the address provided to us for the Sebastopol Grange (*I love a Grange with a sense of humor*).

There is no such address. When I gave it to Angela, she started pouting and stopped talking to me.

Consequently, I spent a dark, moonless night on February 22, bumping along the foggy backroads of Sonoma County, looking for the Sebastopol Grange. I have no idea where I was. At one point, I came upon a guard post where a scruffy-looking man with a badge leaned into the car and with bad breath, asked in a foreign language to see my passport.

In fact, I was so lost that the very fabric of time tore and Oliver Hudson

landing, she helped me find the hall.

Young Master Joseph Stefanoni greeted me. Deranged and disheveled, I vehemently protested my ordeal!

"Did ya say 6000 Sebastopol Road?" asked Joseph. And with a with a cat that ate the canary smile on his face, he added, "Guess we oughta give that fixed."

There's definitely something going on at the Sebastopol Grange. In the last couple of months many new members have joined. Most of these folks are connected to each other and share common beliefs that support sustainable agriculture and local producers. And that is exactly what the Grange was 140 years ago. It feels good to be a Granger.



Happy breakfast crew at Freshwater Grange.

Kelly took my order at a drive-through Taco Bell.

Finally, I managed to get Beth Lewis on my cell phone, Master of the nearby Hessel Grange. And like one of those movie scenes, where the hero in the tower guides the amateur pilot in the crippled plane in for a

their messages simple. They believe that we should buy locally grown foods, support small farms and rural communities. Recall our motto: Helping farmers, Protecting consumers. As consumers, the more we know about who grows our food and how it is grown, the healthier our choices will be for ourselves and our children.

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like the State Master to attend? Just send an email to [master@californiagrango.org](mailto:master@californiagrango.org)



## What's Developing

by Lisa Burke

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As the newest member of the State Grange Office Staff, let me introduce myself. My name is Lisa Burke and I am the new Development Director. I have spent 20 years working in the community development field and interacting with governmental agencies and community groups. I also have experience writing grants and soliciting sponsorships and planning fund-raising events.

You might be asking yourself, "What is a Development Director?" Basically, my job is to help raise money that can be used for Grange programs and buildings. I will be writing and applying for grants that can help pay for improvements to Grange buildings and fund new and existing programs. There are many Federal and State grants that I will be applying for as well as local opportunities, such as grants administered by community foundations.

Please let me know if you have any projects/programs that need funding. I would also like to hear of your fund raising successes. I know that there are Granges that have applied for grants and have received money—I would love to hear your stories.

On a personal note, I live in Sacramento with my husband and two daughters. In my free time, I like to camp, hike/bike, and kayak with my family and friends. I am very excited to be working at the California State Grange.

I am also putting together a database of all the programs/services a Grange provides to their local community. Examples would include pancake breakfasts, pasta feeds, family/annual events, food bank, emergency shelters, youth/senior programs, agricultural programs, hall rental, farmers market, performing arts, etc. I am also interested in knowing if there are programs/services that a Grange is interested in providing to the community but are not currently doing so. Please call or email me at [grants@californiagrango.org](mailto:grants@californiagrango.org) with your information. Thanks for you help! Lisa



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## Junior Grange Report

by Michele Price

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I have had so many exciting experiences this past month. I can't wait to share a couple of them with you!

I attended the opening of a brand new Junior Grange and Grange. Congratulations Gold Country Grange and Junior Grange! They had a great turnout with lots of youth and amazing parents supporting them! The next morning I met with Bob McFarland and other State Directors for a very inspiring meeting to brainstorm various activities for the coming year. At the meeting I met the incredible and enthusiastic Youth Grange Director, Rosemary Fielder. This year we are teaming up to plan a Junior/Youth Festival and other amazing programs that are sure to bring out Juniors and Youth together enjoying all the Grange has to offer.

Just a few days ago I received an early copy of the National Program Book 2011 from the National Grange. Again, very inspiring and full of great ideas for all of us to do with our Juniors. I am sure the book will be uploaded to the National Junior Grange Website soon, but here is a preview. This year's focus is on "Making a Difference".

Every Junior is encouraged to go out into the community and make a difference in the world around them. Community Service is always a very rewarding experience. Doing Community Service as a group is even better. Go out into your community and see where the help of your Juniors is needed. Adopt a park this year and hold your Junior meetings there from time to time. Pick up litter before you go, leaving the park sparkling clean. Visit a nursing home and pass out hand-made cards to the residents. Call your local Second Harvest Food Bank and find out how your Juniors can help feed the hungry. The list goes on and on.

2011 promises to be an exciting year and I am excited to be sharing it with you!

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## New Member Benefit Offers Savings On Propane

A new benefit program will provide discount rates and premium service for Grange members and halls that use propane gas. Master Bob McFarland negotiated the state-wide program with AmeriGas, a national provider of propane.

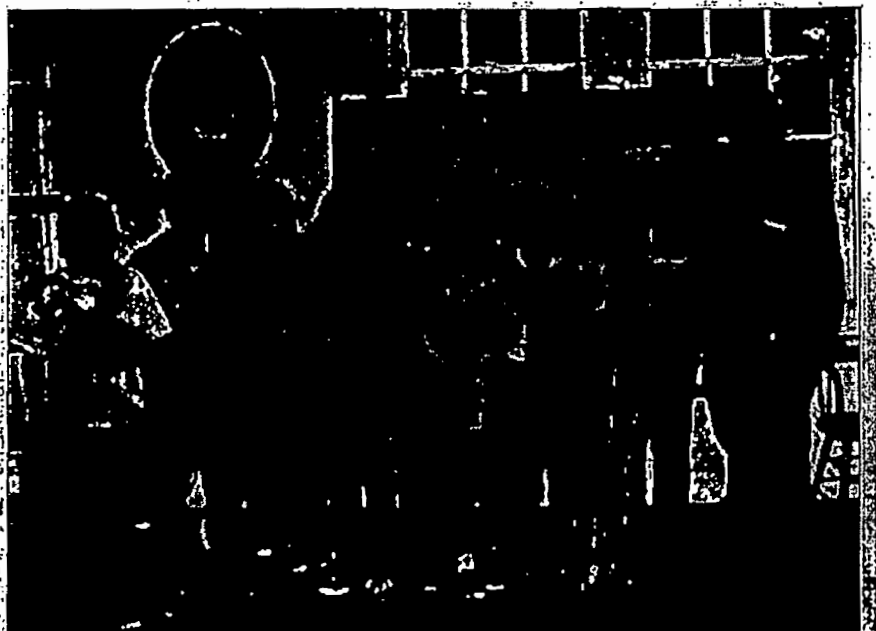
"Grange members will be able to purchase propane for much less than competitors' rates," commented McFarland.

The per-gallon cost will be tied to a fixed margin over the local posted Market Index Rate.

"In the Placerville area, for example, Grange Halls and members' current rate is \$2.62 per gallon, when everyone else is paying from \$3.25 - \$3.50 per gallon," stated John Lewis of AmeriGas.

AmeriGas further discounts the rate for the first tank filled. "I made myself the Guinea pig," said McFarland. "I saved close to \$250 on my first tank of propane."

AmeriGas is offering other special incentives, such as free tank rental for the first year, and free system checks. To sign up for the program, call John Lewis of AmeriGas at (530) 213-3779. Tell him you are with the Grange.



Lucette & Suzanne Moramarco presented members of the Rubidoux Junior Grange with the 2010 Outstanding Youth Program Award.



# Health Matters

by Jim McDaniel

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As most of you know, I have been a Granger for many years. As an older person, I know the importance for older members to keep involved not just sit on the sidelines. However, be careful, you are not adhering to someone else's agenda. Make your own decisions.

Family, hobbies, your own interests, work and needs must not become submerged. Busy people are less at risk for Alzheimer's.

Mosquito season has begun. By now, we all know what to do - drain all standing water as mosquito larva can be healthy in only an inch of water. Clean roof gutters as water can stand there if flow is blocked. Mosquito bites can give you a form of encephalitis, malaria, West Nile virus and other problems you don't want. When outside working or playing, wear a good repellent containing DEET. Keep mosquito fish in ornamental ponds.

Half the salt! Eighty-three thousand people die each year in America because of problems aggravated by too much salt. We tolerate 15 milligrams a day. However, many packaged foods contain over 400 milligrams of salt. Read labels, cook and eat carefully. JOIN THE HALF THE SALT MOVEMENT. Did you know there was such a movement? If not, start one - that's what Grangers do.

In the United States, 11% of the adult population has diabetes. By 2040 it is estimated that half of our senior citizens will be afflicted with this disease. There are two main types of diabetes. Type 1 is usually seen in children and young adults (five to ten percent of the population). Insulin injections and very careful meal planning along with physical exercise are the treatments that help most.

Contributing factors to Type 2 diabetes (often referred to as adult onset diabetes) are age, obesity, physical inactivity and family history. Some women during pregnancy develop gestational diabetes. This usually disappears after the birth of the baby. However, continued monitoring is advised as Type 2 diabetes may later develop.

The American Diabetes Association is a helpful resource. Treatment is based on the severity of the problem. A friend of mine requires frequent dialysis and sometimes blood transfusions. There is talk of upcoming need for amputation of portions of badly infected feet.

To help avoid Type 2 diabetes: Get plenty of exercise, keep your weight within normal levels, eat plenty of fruits and vegetables and cook with olive oil. Olive oil can also reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease. Olive oil contains phenol, an ingredient that keeps your arteries "elastic".

If you have a reasonable fitness center near you it is ideal for exercise. I ride a stationary bike and use the rowing machine and also walk a lot.

In conclusion: 1) Quit smoking and let kids know the danger and that smoking is not cool, 2) Use protection with sex, AIDS is still with us and very deadly, 3) A couple of cups of coffee with caffeine a day won't hurt you and may be good for you, 4) Avoid methamphetamine at all costs, it is very habit forming and dangerous. In rural areas, users cause bacteria in septic tanks to die. This causes expensive pumping of tanks fairly often, 5) Don't ride with a driver who is drinking or using drugs, 6) Keep laughing and busy, life is such fun if you let it be.

## Grangers Helping Grangers

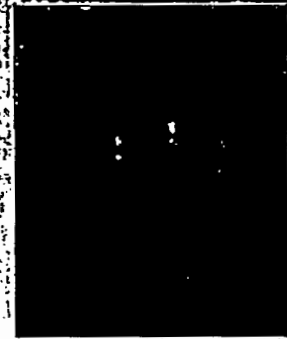


This is a request from Bob Alvarez from Yankee Hill Grange #795, Butte County, Northern California.

I am in need of a living donation of a kidney, the ultimate gift of life from one person to another. The gift of life, living donation would give me freedom from dialysis and allow me to enjoy a longer life full of energy and productivity. I am currently being placed on a kidney waiting list to be transplanted. Unfortunately the waiting list is 4 to 6 years at the present time. All health bills are paid by my insurance company.

Please direct any comments or questions to me.

Thank You,  
Bob Alvarez  
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## Expo Gets a Make-Over Debuting the Grange Showcase

For years, the California State Grange Expo has provided a wonderful opportunity for Grangers to be recognized and rewarded for their creative skills. This tradition will continue and in a way that truly admires these talented individuals. The Expo is getting a make-over.

Introducing the California State Grange Showcase – A Celebration of Grange Artisans.

On Thursday night, October 13, at our annual convention in Palermo, many contest entries will be featured and judged live on stage in front of our membership.

Won't it be fun to see blind-folded judges pucker-up as they taste the entries for the pickle contest? Imagine a slide show of photographs

presented in all their full glory, accompanied by live music. And how 'bout a cat-walk fashion show modeling fabric arts?

Recently, the State Grange Directors and Lecturer met with a goal of making the Expo more exciting, vibrant and appealing for all of our members, participants and spectators, alike. The Grange Showcase is their brainchild.

As with the Expo, prizes will be awarded and entries will be displayed, either during the live Showcase or otherwise. All types of entries will still be welcomed, although some categories have been combined.

The new California State Grange Showcase Guidebook is available online at [www.californiagrango.org/showcase](http://www.californiagrango.org/showcase).

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# AIL Member Benefit Increased to \$3,500

As a member benefit, all Grangers in good standing have accidental death and dismemberment insurance provided at no cost by American Income Life (AIL). AIL Public Relations Officer, Larry Lozano was contacted recently to answer questions about the program. Following are his responses:

**Is every Grange member covered by American Income Life insurance, even if they do not turn in the yellow cards?**

Yes, every member of the California Grange is covered, whether they

send in a card or not. Two **important** reasons to send in the response card are:

1. The California Grange will not know who the beneficiary is if it is not mailed back.
2. If AIL or the California Grange cannot determine the beneficiary, the funds could get held up in probate.

**Do you have to be a member for any period of time before you are eligible?**

No. If you're a member in good standing, you are eligible. It is up to the California Grange Master to determine member status and to provide the letter of good standing to American Income Life for disbursement of the benefit.

**The accidental death benefit is \$3,500 from California Grange and \$2,000 from National Grange?**

Yes. The benefits is provided at **NO COST** to the California State Grange, the National Grange, and its members!

**If an agent calls me and wants to come by my home, am I required to meet with them?** [The agents frequently tell our members they must come by their homes to deliver the policies]

No, this is a voluntary program. The representative will only contact the member to deliver the individual certificates to the members whom request it. Remember, members have changes in their personal lives. The beneficiary who was previously listed on the card may have changed. This is a great opportunity to meet with a representative and update this information. It will also give the member an opportunity to get all the information he or she may need to make a decision of purchasing a funeral life insurance.

**Do you know anything about a canned food drive that your representatives are involved in?**  
Yes. Every home that one of our

Representatives visits, they will ask if the member would care to donate a couple of non perishable food items for families in need. Sometimes it can be a death in a family that did not have insurance and other times it can be the economic times the way they are. AIL will try to find families in need of receiving food through our food bank.

**Are we required to purchase any additional insurance?**

No, this is a voluntary program.

**How do we let you know who the beneficiaries are?**

1. By filing out the card and mailing it back
2. Meeting with a representative to update or make a change of status.

**What is the process for making a claim?**

All that needs to happen is:

1. All needs a Death Certificate.
2. A letter of good standing from the California State Grange.
3. An article or police report on how the death occurred.
4. When all that is collected, call me (Larry Lozano) and I handle the rest.

**How do we contact you if we have any other questions?**

Larry Lozano, American Income Life  
Cell # 408-410-7811

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In November, California's Joseph Stereoni was chosen to be a Grange

Youth Mentor, part of the National Grange Horizon Program that builds leadership skills in our youth. Joseph will be traveling out of state this year to help promote the Grange.

Congratulations Joseph!

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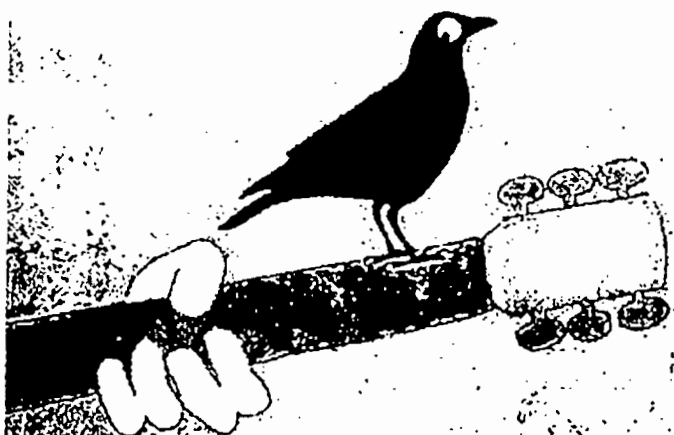
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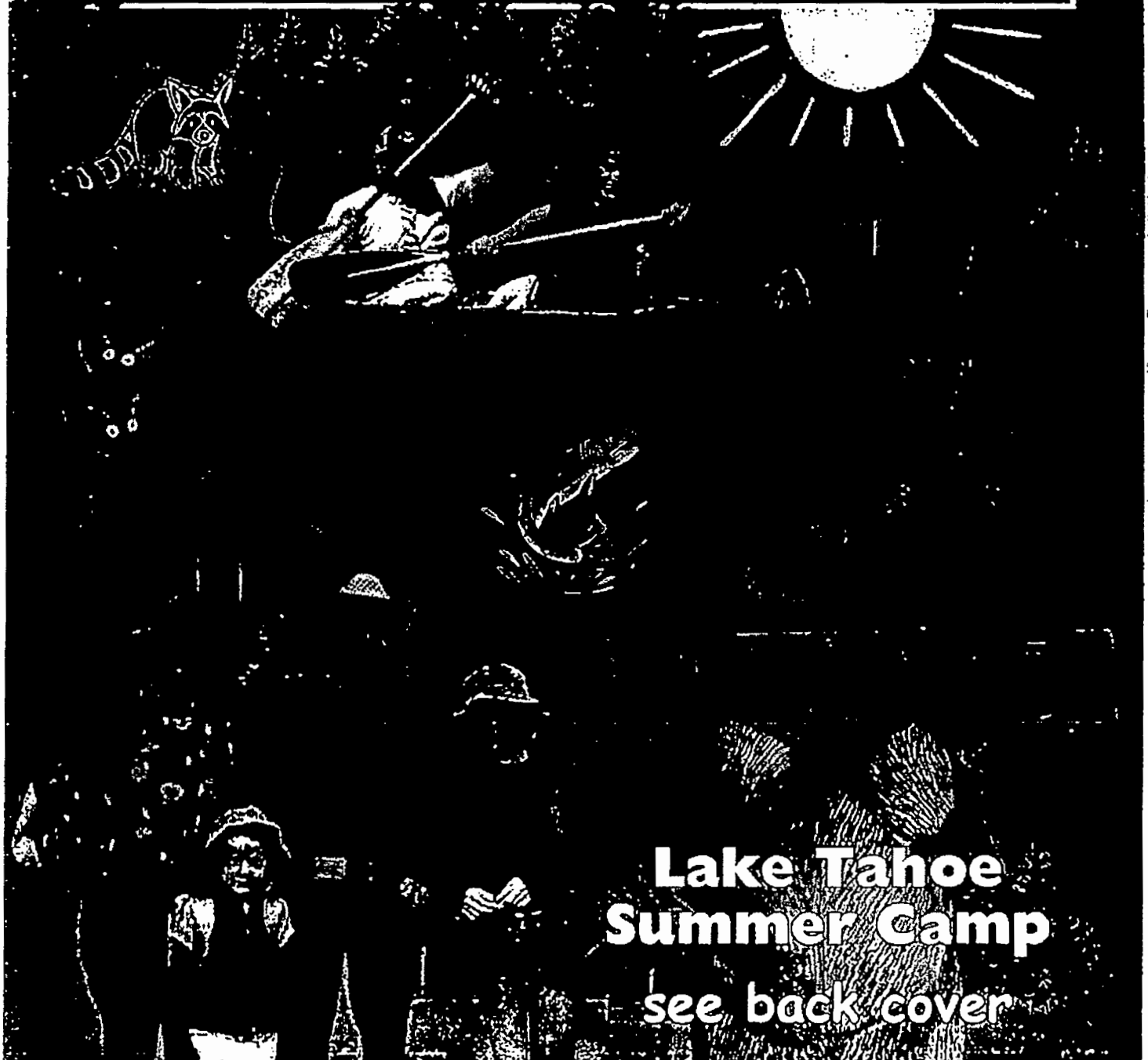
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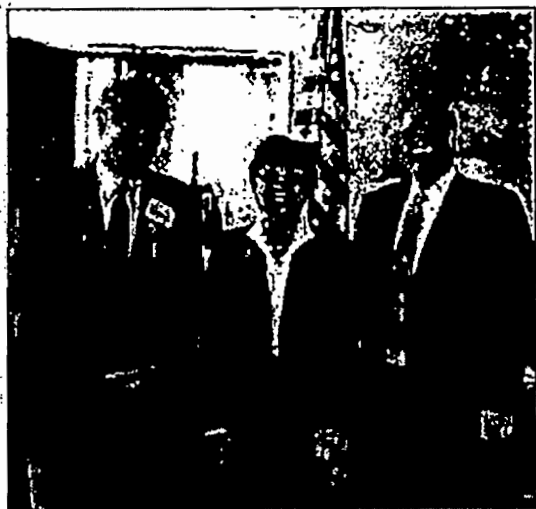
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## Master's Message

by Bob McFarland  
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### What It's All About

You've heard me say, "If you aren't having fun, there is something wrong."

The Grange should never be all work and no play. Nobody joins the Grange to be miserable (*although, it may seem that way at times*). Even the most stubborn curmudgeon will laugh now and then, if you find out where they are ticklish.

Sometimes, we get caught up in the rigmarole and let things get to us. How many times have we stubbed our toes on familiar objects?

Nobody's perfect. We have to be able to laugh at ourselves sometimes.

I have a confession. When Wendy and I first joined the Grange, we had to bite our lips to keep from laughing, as we witnessed our home Grange in a life and death struggle over whether or not to raise the price of the pancake breakfast from \$3.50 to \$4.00.

After all, pancake breakfasts had been \$3.50 since man invented bacon. Then one day, someone in the ranks dared suggest that we raise the price by fifty cents.

All hell broke loose.

The air raid sirens went off. Women grabbed their babies and scrambled for the basement.

I had flash-backs of Nikita Khrushchev, as one of my favorite Grangers rose up in defiance, and pounding her fist on the table shouted, "This community will not survive an increase of fifty cents!" With equal amounts of outrage and pride, she declared, "We are not the Waldorf-Astoria! We are the Grange!" It was her finest moment and she was rewarded with spontaneous applause!

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The Grange raised the price of the pancake breakfast against her "batter" judgement.

And, for those of you who put on pancake breakfasts, you know it is not about the money. A Grange pancake breakfast brings the community into your hall. It becomes a gathering of old friends and new, of boys in little league outfits and girls in pretty dresses (or, in some communities, the other way around), of ruddy-faced farmers and slicked-down politicians. And real-live conversations take place about which road is closed and whose goats got out. A Grange pancake breakfast is as down-home as a Norman Rockwell painting. And, thank God, McDonald's hasn't figured out how to serve that at the drive-thru window yet.

Every day, I get calls and emails from members fretting over this or that. I would never mock these Grangers. But after listening to their frustrations, my advice is often the same. Take things a little less seriously. Try a smile instead of a grimace. Find a solution that brings



Having fun. Pushin' porcelain at the Orangevale Grange Family Fair.

us together and doesn't push us apart. And, I add, it is always better when you can solve your own problems than to have us solve them for you.

None of us are immortal. Hopefully, our halls will be here when we are gone. What will you want people to remember about you? What photo of yourself would you like to leave behind? One of you scowling, or one showing your fabulous smile?

There's lots of fun to be had at Grange halls this summer. I hope to swap smiles with you soon. - Bob

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## Scholarships Awarded

# Nine Grange Youth Honored for 2011

**H**oughton "Tom" Sawyer, President of the California Grange Foundation, has announced that nine \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded for 2011.

California Grange Foundation Scholarships are awarded each year; the number and amount determined by the available funds. Donations to our scholarship funds are greatly appreciated, and can be sent to the Grange Foundation, 2830 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817. Scholarship applications are accepted from February 1 to April 1 of each year, and the forms and rules may be found on the Grange's website, [www.californiagrangefoundation.org](http://www.californiagrangefoundation.org). Applicants must be a member of a local Grange in California. We congratulate both the applicants and the winners, and wish them much success in their academic endeavors. Scholarships were awarded to (in alphabetical order):

**Lily A. Elder**, a member of Aromas Community Grange in Monterey County, is the daughter of Wendy Elder and Richard Smith. She will graduate from Santa Cruz High School in June, and her goal is to become a veterinarian. Since the age of 10 she has been raising, breeding, milking and showing goats, and was the Teen Leader of the Aromas 4-H Dairy Goat Project. Her interest in horses included extensive volunteering in the Monterey Horsemanship



Lily A. Elder.

and Therapeutic program which specializes in therapeutic riding for developmentally disabled children. She is also an accomplished violinist.

**Johannah R. Fernandes** is a member of Rubidoux Grange in Riverside County. She is the daughter of Maureen and Al Fernandes of Hemet, and will graduate from Hemet High School this June. She has been accepted to San Diego State University where she will be enrolled in their nursing program. Johannah describes herself as a "farm girl" who "plans my lifestyle around the schedule of feeding, milking, and cleaning out pens." She began showing sows at the age of five, and

though she tried other activities such as ballet and sports, "Nothing thrilled me more than showing animals." She has a long list of awards and extra-curricular activities including the Grange, FFA, American Kennel Club, American Dairy Goat Association, the National Honor Society and Student Council.

**Jeremy Heckman**, a member of DeSabra Grange in Butte County, is currently attending Chico State University where he is studying Mechatronic (robotic) Engineering. The son of Karen and Robert Heckman of Paradise, California,

Jeremy is currently the California State Grange Assistant Steward. He served as Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee at the 2010 Convention. His scholastic achievements earned him the opportunity to attend NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Currently he is looking at two possible career goals. One would

be going to work for NASA, and the other is a program called DARPA in the field of biometrics.

**Sydney M. Johnson** is a member of Windsor Grange, and is the daughter of Susan Hanks and Martin Johnson of Santa Rosa. She is currently attending the University of Nevada, Reno, where she is

studying Biotechnology. This summer she will travel to the rainforests of Peru, learning about their herbs and medicines, as well as doing some humanitarian work in the villages. She is an accomplished showman of livestock in the Grange and 4-H. Her passion for raising market lambs grew into a herd of 25+ registered breeding sheep.

**Roxanne Lembke** is a member of American River Grange in Sacramento County. Her parents are Michelle and Robert Lembke of Rancho Cordova. She will graduate from Cordova High School in 2011, and plans to attend Sierra College and eventually McGeorge School of Law. Roxanne jokingly tells us that her ambition is to rule the world, but since there is no college degree in world



Jeremy Heckman.

domination, she has chosen the law. She has been involved in Student Government, volleyball, school spirit and yearbook. She is the yearbook Business Manager, and is one of the photographers who documents the school year. She is active in American River Grange's Rancho Cordova Living History Days. She credits the Grange with teaching her the importance of giving back to her community.

Sara P. McFarland is a member of Pleasant Valley Grange in El Dorado County, and the daughter of Wendy and Bob McFarland of Roseville, California. She will graduate from Oakmont High School in June and will attend Sierra College with plans of becoming a teacher. She says she reached this decision after experiencing the fulfillment of interacting with



Sara P. McFarland.

children on a daily basis in her Early Childhood Development class. She tells us that she was also greatly influenced in high school by her participation in Student Government, and their commitment to community service. One example she gives is working with "Kids in a Box." This is a program which raises awareness and money for the Roseville Youth Homeless Shelter. Sara credits her experiences of working with her parents on Grange projects, such as providing needed supplies and personal items for our troops, with instilling a deep respect for the value of family. She was awarded with the Viking Pride Award.

Taylor C. Ray is a member of Ripon Grange in San Joaquin County, and

the daughter of Cindi and Casey Ray of Ripon. Taylor will graduate from Ripon High School in May, and plans to attend U.C. Merced where she will major in Cognitive Science. Taylor is the current Miss Ripon whose duties include public relations appearances for the city. She is an Honor Roll student and is very active in both school and community programs. Taylor is a fourth generation Ripon Grange member and has been active in their community service projects. She is a strong believer in family

values, and has been a Sunday School Leader and Vacation Bible School Leader. Taylor takes the words, "It is better to give than to receive," to heart, thus the calling occupational therapy. She says she wants to lend a hand to the world one step at a time, through teaching, guiding and persevering to facilitate those that need assistance to live a healthy, joyful life.

Faith E. Steele is a member of Kern Buena Vista Grange in Kern County. She is the daughter of Melodie and Robert Steels of Frazier Park, California. Faith graduated from Hope Chapel Academy in 2010, and currently is a freshman at Long Beach State University where she is studying Computer Science. Her goal is to become a cryptographer, perhaps working for an agency like NSA

creating and breaking codes. Faith has been a long-time participant of the Kern County Fair. She has won

Best of Breed in poultry, and First Place in Sheep Showmanship. She continues working with her Grange's Fair team, passing on her skills in showing sheep and poultry to new groups of students. Faith joined the Society of Women Engineers her first semester of college. This is a group of female engineering students who reach out to young women attending middle school and high school in the surrounding community to encourage them to consider the field of engineering.

Emily E. Turnquist is a member of Aptos Grange in Santa Cruz County. The daughter of Randy and Robin Turnquist of Aptos, Emily graduated from Aptos High School in 2008 and is currently attending Cabrillo College where she is majoring in Biology and Forensics. She plans to transfer to U.C. Davis as it is a science-oriented school and her career goal is to become a forensic scientist. She chose biology as her major after working on a 4-H Science project of teaching a class on Chromatography. As she got older, her focus was on the county level where she worked with the Santa Cruz County Leadership

Team. She attended a number of 4-H UCORL conferences as a delegate, and then began teaching there. She became an All Star in 2005. Today, she volunteers as a 4-H Leader, guiding the youngsters in their 4-H careers. Emily joined the Grange when her parents did, and quickly found it to be an organization she

likes. She is particularly impressed with the Grange's commitment to community service.

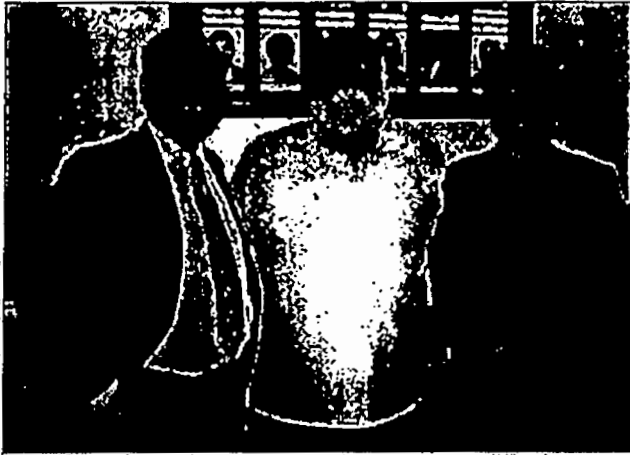


Sydney M. Johnson.

# Mt. Hamilton Holds Fund Raising Party

by LuEllen Pettengell

The evening was a Mt. Hamilton Grange sponsored fund raiser that collected \$1,600 for our Fort Bragg Grange septic system fiasco. It was an enchanting evening at the Mt. Hamilton Grange on Saturday night, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The evening started out with a delightful fare of Philippine cuisine. After our tummies were full, we slid over into the dance hall. The hall was decorated with tiny white



Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves, Randy Marler of Fort Bragg Grange and Domingo Lomboy of Mt. Hamilton Grange.

lights, street lamps and the "sky" was filled with bouncing northern lights. The room felt like we were outdoors, under stars.

D.J. Noly Yamson provided an array of music to the delight of the dancers. As we watched the spectacular dancers whirl around the room we felt like we were in the audience of "Dancing with the Stars". It was such a joy to watch the skill. The music was so enticing that we stepped out on to the floor a few times.

We are humbled by the generous donation presented to us by Master Domingo Lomboy on behalf of their Grange and a personal contribution by a Grange member. We want to thank all the officers, brothers and sisters of San Jose's Mt. Hamilton Grange for their hard work, hospitality, fabulous evening and the wonderful gift to help us with our dilemma. Thank you from Randy Marler and LuEllen Pettengell on behalf of the Fort Bragg Grange #672.

We also want to acknowledge and thank the following Granges and individuals who have kindheartedly donated generously in our time of financial stress. Altogether, close to \$16,000 has been contributed.

Mt. Hamilton Grange #469  
 Rubidoux Grange #611  
 Morgan Hill Grange #408  
 Little Lake Grange #670  
 Sonoma Valley Grange #407  
 Windsor Grange #410  
 Alpine Grange #865

North Fork Grange #766  
 Coyote Grange #412  
 GWA of Jacinto Grange #431  
 Mad River Grange #590  
 Humboldt Grange #501  
 Dows Prairie Grange #505

## Grangers Helping Grangers



Is this hall worth saving?

The El Camino Grange sits on one acre in a farming community near Corning. The grand old hall, built in 1931, has been empty for many years. There is nothing sadder than an empty Grange hall.

Now, a new membership has formed with the will and energy to revitalize this Grange.

But they need our help. The building needs lots of

TLC. Contributions of cash, materials and labor are needed to return it to its former glory. Can you help? Contact the California State Grange (916) 454-5805. (See full story in "On the Road" page 14).



The grand old El Camino Grange



## Convention Update

# Grangers Will Descend on Palermo

Our 139<sup>th</sup> annual California State Grange Convention will be celebrated October 12 – 16, 2011 at the Palermo Grange, at 7600 Irwin Avenue. Palermo is located sixty-five miles north of Sacramento, between Marysville and Chico off State Route 70.



This year's theme will be "Branching Out", a continuation of a tree-themed trilogy that began in 2009 with "Back to our Roots" and in 2010 as "Growing Together".

Highlights of this year's convention include:

**Workshop Day:** Wednesday, October 12, is an optional "Workshop Day." The staff of the State Grange will be treating everyone to lunch. There will be a variety of interesting and informative workshops. Everyone is welcome to attend Workshop Day. There is no charge. That evening, there will be a tour of nearby Lodestar Farms.

139<sup>th</sup> California State Grange Convention officially opens Thursday, October 13.

**Showcase of Grange Artisans (formerly EXPO),** Thursday, October 13, evening. Celebrating the diverse talents of our members, many entries will be judged live on stage.

**Master's Banquet and Awards Night,** Friday, October 14, evening. A special evening to honor some of our outstanding Granges and Grangers.

**Grange Women's Day,** Friday, October 14. Celebrating the contributions of the GWA with a luncheon, Women's March and more.

**Youth and Junior Grange Day,** Saturday, October 15. The Youth & Junior Granges will open the session and serve a BBQ dinner that evening.

**Annual Talent Show,** Saturday, October 15, evening. Performing artists representing Granges from all over the state will compete in our annual Talent Show. The winning act is eligible to represent California at the National Convention in Oklahoma.

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**Memorial Service and Veterans' Tribute,** Sunday, October 16, morning. A beautiful service remembering those who have passed, and a celebration of those who have served.

**Conferral of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees,** Sunday, October 16. An opportunity for members to raise their levels of achievement in the Grange.

Important items of business for this convention will include the processing of resolutions beginning on Thursday, and nominations and elections of State Grange Officers beginning on Friday.

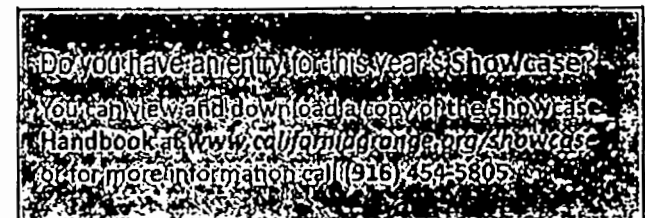
Resolutions must be adopted by your Grange, verified with the Master and Secretary's signature and with the corporate seal applied, and be received by the State Grange or postmarked by August 15. After the deadline, resolutions must be approved by the State Master and appropriate Legislative Committee Chair to be accepted.

Lodging is up to each individual but we've arranged a discounted rate at Feather Falls Casino (3 Alverda Drive, Oroville, 3.5 miles), \$75.00 per night plus a \$10 per day food credit (877-652-4646). Alternative lodging is available at nearby Oroville.

A meal ticket will be sold for \$70 that will include lunch and dinner at the convention Thursday – Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Breakfasts are up to the individual.

Your Grange can help cover the costs of convention by contributing \$25 to get your Grange's name on our official 139<sup>th</sup> Convention T-shirt. Contact Rick Keel at (916) 454-5805 to reserve a space.

Our goal is to make this convention fun. We truly hope you will join us for this 139<sup>th</sup> Convention of the California State Grange. If you have any questions, please call our office at (916) 454-5805.



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## Youth Director Report

by Rosemary Fielder

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This year's Youth Festival (formerly Youth Conference) will take place at our Grange Summer Camp at South Lake Tahoe on 33 forested acres beside the beautiful lake - with our very own private beach, clean, comfortable cabins, basket ball and volley ball courts, and great food.

The emphasis will be on FUN sports and games, swimming, kayaking, hiking, arts & crafts, music, movies, merit badges, and some relaxing, too! Join in a campfire sing-along or show off at the Variety Show. Internet connections and cell phone signals are available at camp.

Grange Summer Camp, takes place July 5 - 9 (check-in after 200pm on July 5 and check-out by noon on July 9). It's the time for all Grange Youth to join together, decide your leadership, direction and a plan for the remainder of 2011.

Register now. Grange Youth pay only \$98. This includes your lodging and all meals for the whole camp experience. Adults are \$128.00. If you have any questions or exciting ideas, please contact me by email or by phone at (408) 829-3440, (408) 594-5552 or (530) 533-8323.

Photos of the Lake Tahoe Camp can be viewed at: <http://bobmcfarland.smugmug.com/Grange/4-H-Camp-South-Lake-Tahoe/>.

# Grangestock Festival A Success

The third annual Grangestock was held May 21 at the Orangevale Grange. Ten bands played music from the sixties and seventies for the day long outdoor festival. Delicious burgers were served up by Ed and Leslie Parker. Riley and Sara McFarland made fresh strawberry crepes that were "the bomb". Vendors sold jewelry, t-shirts and pottery.

The event was managed by Dale and Shirley Baker, assisted by Linda MacCracken, Sharon Taylor, Steve

Oglethorpe and Wendy McFarland. Master of Ceremonies Buzz Chernoff kept things rolling throughout the day and gave away prizes to winners of live trivia contests. Mike Taylor



Soul Man.



Rock Star

engineered amazing sound for the event.

"This is the best Grangestock ever," commented an enthusiastic fan.

Grangestock took in over \$1,000 for



Hoopsie

the GREAT program (Grange Relief Emergency Action Team). GREAT was organized by several Granges following fires in 2008 that burned down five Grange family homes. The GREAT program helps Grange members who are victims of disasters and other emergencies.

The festival and the GREAT program are managed by the Sacramento Pomona Grange. They wish to thank the membership of the Orangevale Grange for the use of the beautiful grounds and hall.

## Junior Grange Report

by Michele Price

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Hi Junior Grangers! Pack your bags and head for the hills! The shores of beautiful South Lake Tahoe will be the home of our *Grange Family Summer Camp*, to be held July 5-9 (check-in after 200pm on July 5 and check-out by noon on July 9).

This year, Summer Camp will be unlike any before. This is the first year the new *Junior Grange Festival* will be held at Summer Camp, and the first year we will elect Junior Grange State Officers. Sound exciting? Keep reading.

At Camp, Junior Grangers will have the chance to participate in traditional Native American games, weave their very own basket, create Dream Catchers, explore the history of the American Flag with crafts and games, and create a one-of-a-kind jigsaw puzzle. Imagine doing all of these fun activities while earning Grange Merit Badges, to be presented at camp.

In addition, choose from a variety of other Camp activities that include mask-making, movie night, sports tournaments, swimming, canoeing and kayaking (on our own private beach), nature hikes, and star-gazing. We'll roast marshmallows and sing songs at the camp fire and laugh at the Camp Variety Show. The fun never ends! I can't wait to see you there!

### Interview with the Master

## So, What Are We Doing Right?

By J.D. Hartz, Editor

Membership is the life's blood of any organization, and the Grange is no exception. For the first time in many years, the California State Grange is reporting increases in both Grange members and Community Granges.

Obviously, something is being done right, so I sat down with President Bob McFarland and asked a few questions. The result of that interview follows:

*Q. We know that the Grange, both National and in California, has suffered a decline for about thirty years. In your annual address last October, you said that in California, we were reversing that trend and growing. So, what are we doing now that we didn't do five or ten years ago?*

*A. Jay, that's true. In California, we were able to reverse over 30 years of declining membership in 2010. Nothing made me happier than to make that announcement at our convention last fall. The revelry in the Mt. Hamilton*

*Grange hall was amazing - like we had just won the World Series! People were jumping up and down, hugging each other, crying. We broke out the sparkling cider and we all toasted each other.*

*It was an achievement that our generation of Grangers will always own.*

*It was the proof we all needed that the Grange will survive. We showed an increase of 228 members, which really is a difference of about 1,000 members, when you consider we were accustomed to losing as many as 700 members per year.*



In the shadow of Mt. Tamalpais, the new Marin Grange.

*And all appearances are that we are continuing to grow. Just since the first of the year, we have re-organized and started eight new Granges!*

*Remember, in 2009, we determined to get "back to our*  
*(Continued on page 17)*



## GWA MEMO

by Betty Eyler  
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It has been a long winter and a cold spring this year and I am looking forward to those warm sunny summer days going to Grange activities, visiting GWA's and going to Fairs, but first things first and that is to get my article wrote, so here goes:

The new GWA programs have been sent to the Regional Directors for distributing to your GWA, which you will find the program back to the old style and size that was requested by many GWA sisters. However, some liked the large version of 2009 and since there are just a few new projects in the 2011 program, go ahead and keep the 2009 books. Added to the community projects are local donations to food banks and supplies to your local schools, the pillowcase dresses and new Ideas for Giving to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Please bring home made cookies for State Convention even though we no longer have the GWA opening.

Reception, cookies are great to munch on during session.

Please see the current Grange Showcase book which can be obtained on line at [www.californiagrango.org/showcase](http://www.californiagrango.org/showcase).

One of the main subjects that I wanted to bring up is volunteer hours. Please turn in your volunteer hours to either your Regional Director or me, if your GWA or grange kept all the volunteer hours we do the hours would be tremendous and it isn't that hard to keep track. Just pass a booklet around at your meetings and have the members put down their hours.

Instead of a GWA breakfast it will be a GWA luncheon again this year and I am hoping you are either thinking about the APRON you will make or have started making one for the fashion show.

A GWA sister called me asking, "Do we still do canceled stamps?" Answer, Yes!

I will write more about State Convention and will write on State Contributions in the next California Grange News. Everyone have a great summer.



## What's Developing

by Lisa Burke  
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The California State Grange has been hard at work getting the Sacramento Performing Arts Center (PAC) filled with new tenants. For those of you that don't know, the PAC is located in Sacramento adjacent to the State Grange Building in the former GBO building. The PAC was originally a farmers store and most recently leased by a credit union and UC Davis. The building has a lot of potential to be used as a performing arts center and as a co-op for folks interested in the arts.

Bob and I had a meeting in early April with the City of Sacramento Mayor's office for a program called "For Arts Sake". One of the charges of this group is to find more performance space in order to expand opportunities for the arts in Sacramento. The Mayor's office was impressed with the PAC and our idea for a co-op and thus convened a larger meeting of local arts groups. Through this meeting, we have three new arts groups interested in

leasing space in the PAC. Stay tuned.

Also, I have heard from several Granges that are interested in obtaining money in order to make improvements at their Grange Hall. One of the questions that I always ask the Grange is how they serve (and will better serve) their community once their Grange Hall is improved. This information is important as grant funders want to know how their money will make a difference for a community as a whole.

Additionally, it is a very competitive process to obtain grant money therefore; you always want to make your project stand out from the rest. Another idea for your Grange would be to keep track of volunteer hours. It is as easy as having a binder available where folks can log their name and hours volunteered. Some grants will ask for volunteer information and some grants will even allow volunteer hours to be used as "in-kind" donations where the grant has a matching component.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like help with grant research and/or grant preparation.

## Farmers Bill of Rights Kicks Off in Paso Robles

Our first Farmers Bill of Rights round-table meeting launched like a Roman Candle at the El Paso de Robles Grange on April 26.

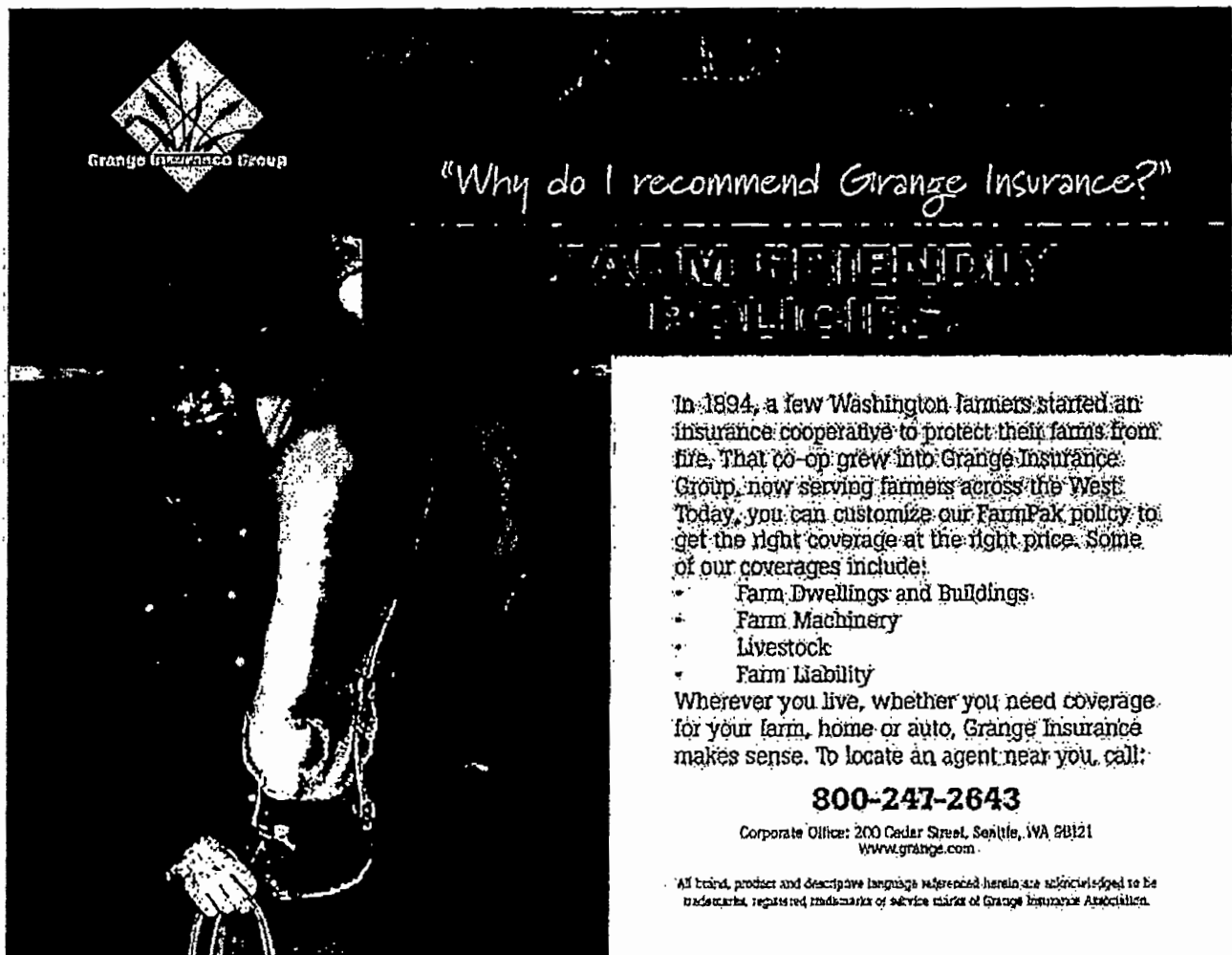
About twenty-five people attended, including farmers, ranchers, consumers, educators, farmers market managers and more. My great appreciation goes to our friends Rohana Mayer and Master Lester Rougeot for making this happen.


vs. California grown, water, GMOs, backyard chickens, USDA inspectors, pesticides, small ag vs. big ag, education, and much more. Too much to detail in this report.

There was great interest and everyone present wanted to be included in our ongoing efforts. The next Farmers Bill of Rights round-table discussion will be held at the Jacinto Grange at 7:00pm on June 14.

The discussion had all the passion, vibrance and color of a Jackson Pollock painting and in the brief two hours dedicated off the walls... all directions, regulatory challenges, initiatives, the Grange livestock market, "cheaper," imported

These round-tables will evolve into a Grange sponsored Farmers Bill of Rights, a declaration of our support for California agriculture to be unveiled this fall.





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*To my way of thinking, nothing we do as leaders is more important than letting our members know we care about them.*

*by Bob McFarland, Master*

**Western Yolo Almond Festival - March 13.** Well, I just can't think of a better way to start off a road trip than to visit Frank and Marian Nichols and all the kindly folks at the Western Yolo Grange. There are some Granges that when you walk in the door, you are greeted by a gentle welcoming breeze. (know what I mean?) It feels like when I was a boy sitting in the swing on the front porch with friends and a pitcher of cold lemonade, laughing and watching fireflies dance. I highly recommend it.

On this day the Western Yolo Grange is celebrating the famous Capay Valley Almond Festival. Wendy and I enjoy the lovely drive up the valley lined with pretty pink blossoms.

As we drive up to the hall, we find Frank playing with his toys - a collection of antique tractors and farm machinery. The puff and pop of the gas and steam engines is music to his ears. Tinkering brings him great joy. Frank has restored and maintained all of these machines. He is an artist.

Inside the hall is crowded. A flea market and crafts fair is set up. Vendors display books, jewelry, toys, and local farmers are selling honey, almond butter, nuts and fruits. Outside, there's a gentle petting zoo and boys and girls are cuddling with fluffy white bunnies.

The Grange serves up delicious pulled-pork sandwiches. Before long we find the Holy Grail of goodies.

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- Western Yolo Grange's famous home-made almond brittle. So famous; that one guy down the road was selling counterfeit Grange almond brittle! Imitation is the best form of flattery.

But when it comes to Frank, Marian, and the crew of the Western Yolo Grange, there are no substitutes.

**Sonoma Grange Pot Luck - March 14.** The Sonoma Valley Grange has gone through quite a transformation in the last couple of years. Master Jim Callahan made it his mission to open the doors and make the Grange more relevant in that community. The membership has blossomed, and it is now a vibrant collection of artists, farmers, local politicians, educators, and business professionals. Just the recipe you need for success in a town with such diversity.

Several upgrades and renovations have been applied with the assistance of public and private



Making Bunny Buddies.

donations. There is a new mural being created by members Randy, Sue Collins and Mike Acker on the outside of the building that will be unveiled

soon. The Grange's delicious, healthy pancake breakfasts are growing in popularity. A variety of worthwhile workshops are being sponsored by the Grange.

CSG staffers Amy, Rick and I were invited to their pot luck March 14 and we certainly enjoyed ourselves. While folks ate, Jim gave me the assignment of boring everyone with one of my patented talks about the State Grange. No one threw any food, so it must have gone okay.

Thanks Jim and the members of the Sonoma Valley Grange for making us feel so welcomed.

**Brand New Marin Grange - April 6.** We celebrate the birth of another Grange, the Marin Grange. This is the first new Grange in Marin County as far back as anyone can remember.

In the shadow of majestic Mt. Tamalpais, Yannick Phillips and I met April 6th with about 25 very bright, enthusiastic people.

This Grange is a collection of professionals, educators, world travelers, and advocates, ages spanning from mid-twenties to sixties. The members were obligated and interim officers elected.

Starting Granges is getting easier and easier, as more people become aware of what we have to offer.

We are also working on forming Granges in Healdsburg, Hayward and Malibu. It feels good, doesn't it?

**Sacramento Grange Open House - April 10.** To celebrate membership month and to promote the CSG



Performing Arts Center (PAC) the Sacramento Grange held an open house in the old GBO building. Delicious snacks were provided by Master Sharon Taylor. Grange musicians entertained visitors. Brochures and promotional materials were handed out.

The new Sacramento Grange was organized last year and is mostly made up of members interested in supporting the PAC project to renovate the old GBO building into a multi-purpose performing arts center.

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The PAC is a grass-roots effort. About \$5,000 has been raised so far from donations. Recently the project has attracted interest from Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson who is redeveloping the surrounding community. Several meetings have taken place and we are currently negotiating residencies with three arts groups.

Shakespeare said, "All the world's a stage." Why not the Grange?

**Organization Meeting with Los Angeles Farmers Markets - April 11.** Thanks to introductions by Chico Granger Richard Roth and following preliminary meetings in Sacramento, I met at the Beverly Hills Library (la-dee-da) on April 11 to organize the brand new Southern California Certified Farmers Markets Grange (we need to shorten that name so we can say it without taking a breath). There are 25 charter members and Jodi Low is the new Master.

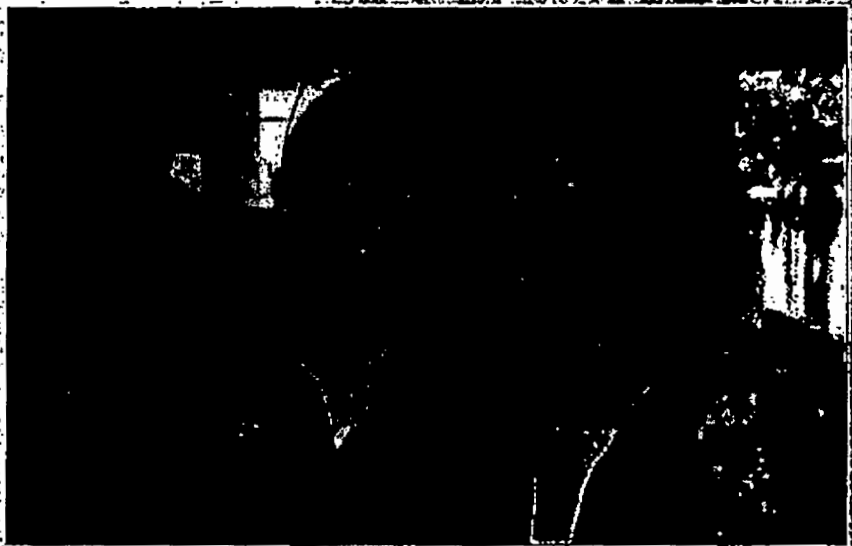
Looking for a parent organization, this young and enthusiastic group of market managers and vendors were attracted to the Grange

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because of our support for farmers' markets, local producers, healthy communities, and our legislation efforts;

Farmers' markets around the state are being infiltrated by "cheaters" vendors who claim they are selling produce they grew on their farms, when, actually, they purchased the produce from a wholesaler and are re-selling it for a profit. Little is being done to catch these consumer fraud culprits and punish them. This fraud is seriously eroding the confidence

to serve as a judge for the Pleasant Valley Grange's Annual Talent Show. About two dozen individuals and groups competed for two first place prizes of \$100 each. In the junior category, Jack Loefflich was the winner with his clever song titled "Take A Pea". In the adult category, Shannon Fleak won with her rendition of the National Anthem. From here, the winners go on to compete at the State Grange Talent Contest held at our convention in October.



Grange cuties Yannick and Wendy at Sonoma Valley Grange breakfast

consumers have in farmers' markets. The State of California has few inspectors to keep the cheaters out of the markets. The new Farmers Market Grange asked for our help and our Legislative Director Mike Greene is already on the job.

This healthy partnership between farmers' market professionals and the Grange is promising, and opens up new opportunities for growth, benefits and education for our members.

**Pleasant Valley Grange Talent Show - April 15.** It was my pleasure

For the past three years, winners from Pleasant Valley have made it all the way to the National Grange Convention's Evening of Excellence. Comic Scott Schilling, the Pleasant Valley Grange winner from 2009, now appears as a regular character in a children's TV show produced by Universal Studios. PV Granger Luci Friday is to be congratulated for spear-heading this event for the past several years.

**Orangevale Grange Family Fair - April 16.** It's always great fun to attend the Family Fair, held at the beautiful Orangevale Grange. It is a remarkable event celebrating

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Grange Month with a variety of vendors, music and entertainment, wonderful food and the notorious Toilet Bowl Races. It must be working for them because the Orangevale Grange approved 27 new member applications at their May meeting.

Orangevale Grange has recently sponsored a local business to start an Orangevale Farmers Market. The Orangevale Grange was the site of our 2009 "Back To Our Roots" Convention and is also the site of the annual Grangestock Music Festival.

Truth is, we are so used to seeing the Orangevale Grange sponsor spectacular events and programs for their members and the community that we've grown to expect great

showed happier times, with the packed hall hosting lively dances, gala dinner banquets and elegant ceremonies.

The white paint has faded over the years, like the membership. There are lots of issues to deal with: water in the basement, septic system failures, structural and foundation weakness, and adding insult to injury, someone stole the well pump and propane tank.

She was dying of neglect, abuse and old age. The popular thinking from Grange muck-a-mucks was that we should bulldoze the building and sell the property for \$40,000. But the old girl kept tugging at my heart strings. For two years, I fought off

and brought a glimmer of hope. Finally Ann and Cornelius O'Quinn, recent transplants from the Marshall Grange, got involved.

Ann and Cornelius visited the old hall and immediately fell in love with her. Ann started a one-woman campaign to save the El Camino Grange. Through her connections with local farmers and the community, it wasn't long before she had enough people committed to hold a meeting.

On April 17, we re-organized the El Camino Grange with 22 new members.

These new Grangers know they have a lot of work ahead of them. Perhaps, not unlike the charter members who 80 years ago had a vision and decided to build the hall, it is a labor of love.

The new custodians started right away, already hosting two work days to clean up and start restoration of the old hall. We are very lucky to have this group of young people with the energy and the will to succeed. They deserve our help, in every way we can provide it. Labor, material, donations. There is lots to be done to restore the El Camino Grange to her former glory.

The old girl's Grange family has come home. And that's a happy ending.

#### *Re-Organization Meeting, San Luis Obispo Grange - April 27.*

Sometimes Granges can wander away from our fundamental purpose; to serve our members and our communities. When this happens, assistance may be needed from the State Grange to get things back on track. This was the case at the San Luis Obispo Grange.

April 27, we held a re-organization meeting where new officers were



Frank shares his toys with Bob.

things from them. And they always deliver.

*El Camino Grange - April 17.* Do you like a story with a happy ending? The El Camino Grange is a grand old dame born in 1931, built by Grangers. She sits on a level acre of farmland, bordering Elder Creek outside of Corning, two hours north of Sacramento. Pictures on the wall

the bulldozers, searching for anyone to share my mission to save the old hall.

Then, late last year, a few Grangers and members began to come forward, cautious at first, but encouraged as their numbers slowly grew. First, Richard Roth and Chuck Voss from the nearby Chico Grange met with a few neighborhood folks



elected, installed and assigned with the task of bringing the SLO Grange into compliance with our bylaws and making it a viable part of that community. The new leadership has already made progress toward those goals. Our appreciation goes out to retiring Master Bill Money maker for the many years he watched over the hall.

Later that day, we held a Deputies Meeting. Thank you Deputies Bill Compton and Lester Rougeot for your dedication and assistance and our Grange friends Rohana Mayer and Jim Harris for your good advice and support.

**Prunedale Grange Semi-Annual Salad Bar - April 28.** After attending last year there was no way I was going to miss the Prunedale Grange's famous Salad Bar and Open House. The Prunedale Grange could put Hometown Buffet out of business with their amazing variety of 38 different salads, fresh fruit and cheeses, deli meats, and scrumptious desserts.

Let's not forget the friendly cast of characters that made it all happen: Elsie, Rodriguez, Del Diaz, Elaine Whisenand, Inger Bevans, Olga Samples, Gaby Geisler, Celia Arizmendez, Catherine DeBelle, Annabel Stormes, Marge George, Fara Bevans-Lopez, Tina Beecher, Margie Kay, Karen and Don Ruppe, and Master Dave Smith and his wife.

What a great time we had. I sat next to my good friend Tom Sawyer and won two raffle prizes! The Prunedale Summer 2011

Grange netted \$1,141 for their efforts. In the immortal words of Arnold, "I'll be back."

**Sebastopol Grange Open House and Industrial Hemp Festival - April 30.** Since December, the Sebastopol Grange has gone through a metamorphosis. New members have been joining in droves. These folks are community members who share common interests to support

and compliment the Grange. Projects are in-the-works to renovate the grounds and create a beautiful and functional garden.

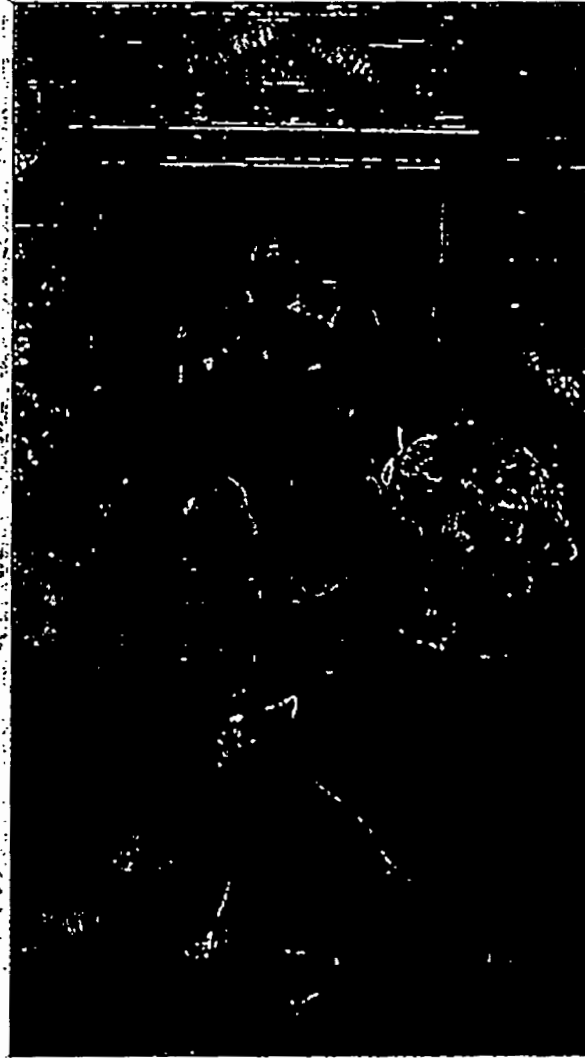
I joined Master Joseph Stefanoni for an Open House and Industrial Hemp Festival April 30 and was pleased to witness two new members obligated that day. With this new influx of young talent, the Sebastopol Grange is on a good path to reach its full potential and probably sooner than later.

**Fort Bragg Gala - April 30.** The Fort Bragg Grange hall was packed April 30 for a gala celebration honoring the achievements of many of her members. Grange Master Marty Johnson raised individual members for their efforts and I was privileged to hand out awards and certificates of recognition.

A delicious meal was served. I always feel at home amongs the members of this Grange. It is a beautiful ball perched on a plateau high above the spectacular Pacific.

On this evening, Marty announced that they've accepted 61 applications for membership during April. Most of these new members came out of canning and wine making classes sponsored by the Grange.

The Fort Bragg Grange has really grown into the community of this lovely coastal town. It's always a pleasure to make the trip to visit old friends.



El Camino Grange work crew.

local farmers, sustainable agriculture, healthy food, and educational programs to promote these concepts. These folks are young, enthusiastic

**A Visit to the Gold Trail Grange - May 11.** It was delightful visiting the Gold Trail Grange for the first

time. This Grange is located inside the historic Marshall Gold Discovery State Park in Coloma, where gold was discovered in 1848. This is a big hall with the magnificent American River running outside the backdoor. The membership leases part of the hall to the privately-owned Quail Run Restaurant.

This Gold Trail Grange is going through somewhat of a revival. There is renewed interest from the community to join. The members are accepting and reviewing applications. A Regional Grange picnic is planned for June 12. I wouldn't miss it!

**Danville Grange Meeting - May 13:** Speaking of history, I was pleased as punch to attend the Danville Grange meeting May 13. There is a lot of rich Grange history around Danville.

In fact, Master Ross Smith even wrote a book about it: *History of the*

Ross is quite an historian. Conserved at the Danville Grange are many very early Grange documents, some bearing the signature of National Grange founder, Oliver Hudson Kelley. The Danville Grange's latest pride-and-joy was discovered in the attic; an authentic 1880 American flag that once flew over the Whitehouse. The flag is as big as a wall. It is folded, beautifully preserved and displayed in a case presented to the Grange by the local Boy Scout Troop.

On this evening, I am honored to be present for the obligation of six new members. The Danville Grange is well worth a visit, and Ross and his members are friendly and welcoming.

**Jacinto Grange Meeting - May 14:** About 100 miles north of Sacramento, the Jacinto Grange is located in Glenn County's rich farming region.

The hall is packed with members and the local historical society, gathered to hear the presentation. I introduce myself as Buzz's "techie" and run the slide projector. Both of us feasted on a delicious lasagna lunch with a fresh walnut salad, and banana cake for dessert. Buzz ate two pieces!

Buzz's engaging presentation was well received. On the trip back home we take the road less traveled and mosey through the beautiful California countryside, reflecting on the day and how much we enjoy being Grangers. We could use more days like this.

**American River Grange Living History Day - May 7:** The third annual Living History Day at the charming American River Grange was the best yet. There were wagon rides, open pit cooking demonstrations, a life-sized model of a milking cow which was utterly ridiculous, a delicious and authentic BBQ chicken lunch with baked beans and biscuits, face painting, choo-choo train rides for the kiddies, and more. Inside the 1880's hall were displays by the Rancho Cordava Historical Society.

The turn-out was good. Master Bill Thomas and his crew deserve praise for this most excellent annual event. It is not to be missed!

If you have an upcoming event you'd like the State Master to attend, please contact him at [master@californiagrangefed.org](mailto:master@californiagrangefed.org) or phone the office at (916) 454-5805.

Did you know that our Master has taken more than 16,000 photos recording Grange events since October, 2007. They are posted for viewing and downloading at [www.bobmcfarland.smugmug.com](http://www.bobmcfarland.smugmug.com).



Master Ross Smith and members of the Danville Grange.

**Danville Grange:** And a fine book it is, too, loaded with information on the Danville Grange and much of the history of the California State Grange, as well. Read it and you will feel like an expert.

On this day, I am State Lecturer Buzz Chernoff's sidekick. Buzz is visiting the Jacinto Grange to deliver a presentation on the history of Glenn County Granges. In the early 1900's this Grange was a schoolhouse.

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roots". We defined this as a reawakening, a renewal of our vows to the principles and purposes envisioned by our Grange founders, 140 years ago. An understanding that we are a grass roots fraternal family that leads from the ground up. We re-focused our attention to our members and re-committed to improving our communities. We opened our doors, our hearts and our minds.

We also came home, in the sense that we have always been an organization that supports farming and rural communities. Not unlike the years following the Civil War when the Grange was formed, in the aftermath of a modern period where we've seen the near extinction of the small family farm, the Grange has emerged as a new voice for the displaced sons and daughters of those farmers that sold or lost their farms to what some euphemistically call "consolidation" corporations buying up farmland.

America can no longer feed the world. In fact, just the opposite is occurring. Much of the food we buy in supermarkets comes from foreign countries, shipped tens of thousands of miles and put in cold storage for months at a time. We've forgotten what a real tomato tastes like. Do you remember when a banana was yellow?

I'm proud that last year our delegates adopted so many game-changing resolutions in support of healthy communities, small farmers and local producers, sustainable agriculture, and education in our classrooms - teaching our kids how to eat healthier and avoid diabetes and heart disease. Because of our commitment to these goals, more and more folks are re-discovering the Grange as an organization that cares about people and our future. They have found a home in the Grange and an organization that can advocate for them. It's an exciting time to be a Granger.

We must recognize the courage and dedication of our

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members. At our convention, I asked them, are we part of a dying organization, or are we pathfinders? They decided we are pathfinders. Our membership growth and our future success have always been in their hands.

*Q. Let's get specific. What does the Grange offer my family that would make me want to join?*

A. If you are a Granger, you are never alone. That's number one. Number two should be - fun. If you aren't having fun, then something is wrong. The Grange is an organization that welcomes families with open arms. This is more and more important, as technology continues to take over our lives, and we become prisoners in our own homes. We need to teach our children that real people



are not made out of pixels. And that being "online" is not the same as being in the room. When I was a teenager, a fast connection meant I had a date that night, not broadband internet.

One of the most beneficial experiences you can give your children is to bring them to a Grange meeting, or have them work a pancake breakfast. Sure, they may pout at first and go

through a little "texting withdrawal". But it's good for them.

And, I truly believe that each of us needs to do good things for others, or we are not complete. The personal rewards we get by caring about each other and working in our communities can never be replaced.

*Q. I may be interested in food safety, maybe even sustainable agriculture. But I don't believe our Congress or Legislature has the will, desire or ability to actually DO something about it. What can the Grange offer me in addition to advocating for legal changes?*

A. There is strength in numbers. Imagine the influence we could have if all 10,000 Grange members in California spoke with one voice. The Grange has a reputation for getting things done. More and more, as our numbers

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grow, as our presence grows, we are attracting attention. Proof – several legislators have called us this year, asking the Grange to testify in support their legislation. That's a damn good sign.

It is my goal to restore the political influence the Grange once had, when we were one of the big boys on the block. That's why we are reaching out to farmers and rural communities with programs like our Farmers Bill of Rights. We want them to know that we will advocate for them. We have the machinery in place to do so, with our legislative program and lobbyist Mike Greene.

We have the numbers. We need to activate those numbers. What if, the next time the government tried to close down a rural post office, two hundred Grangers showed up, stood on the steps and said, "Hell no!" We had that kind of tenacity 140 years ago. We can't back down. As Grangers, we must fight for what we believe in.

*Q. From what you have said, I get the impression that the Grange is currently filled with dedicated but elderly folks who have grown tired of carrying the torch. What advice do you have for both the old and new, younger members of the Grange?*

A. We all know that transition from one generation to the next can be difficult. But it is easier if we remember that we are all part of the family. We have survived for 140 years because we have adapted to change. Changes in our world, and changes in ourselves. But we should never wander so far that we cannot find our way home.

Our older generation of Grangers have earned our respect and admiration. They have carried the torch for many years. Sometimes from the darkness into the light, as our ritual describes. Our newer members would be wise to honor them and seek their advice.

With respect to our older members, I say, don't let the torch burn out. You haven't dedicated all those years to the Grange to want to see the doors close forever behind you. Pass the torch to the next generation, with confidence that they will carry on, benefiting from your example and with respect for our heritage.

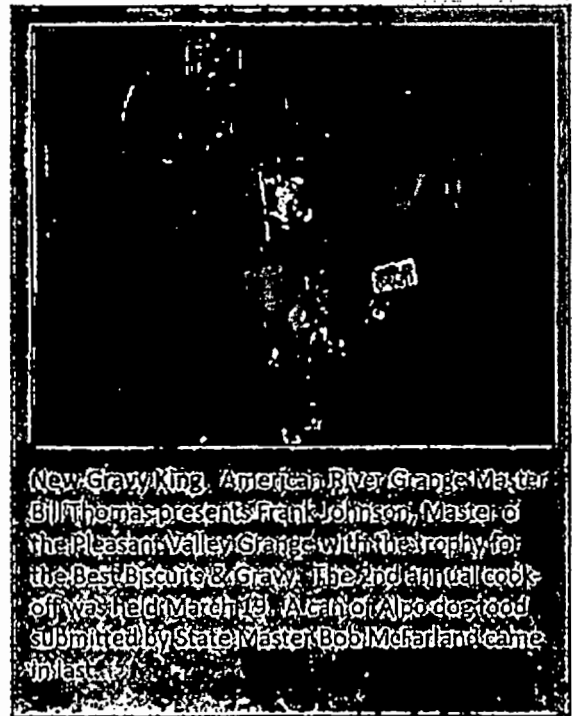
Being a Granger is an honor, not a right. It is a privilege bestowed upon us by those who have paved the path we now travel.

*Q. From what you are telling me, it appears that the Grange is a lot of work. Do you offer any fun programs?*

*that I can participate in with my family?*

A. Jay, you have to be asleep to not notice the many wonderful, fun things that are taking place at Granges across California. Picnics, wine tours, spaghetti feeds, parades, festivals, fairs, plays, music. Every time I think I've seen it all – some Grange comes up with a new idea to have fun. Like the toilet bowl races at the Orangevale Grange. They're all crazy over there – but they sure know how to have fun!

What's important is that we give all of our members a chance to participate in these events. If your Grange has that "core" of a half-dozen members that seem to be in charge of everything, you had better learn to pass the fun around. Or you'll lose those other members. Nobody joins a Grange to sit on a chair and watch others have all the fun. Use 'em, or lose 'em.



New Gravy King, American River Grange Master Bill Thomas presents Frank Johnson, Master of the Pleasant Valley Grange with the trophy for the Best Biscuits & Gravy. The 2nd annual cook-off was held March 19. A can of Alpo dog food submitted by State Master Bob McFarland came in last.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIGEST

In accordance with G-24-88, the following is a condensed version of actions of the CSG Executive Committee. A full version of the minutes is available at our website: [www.californiagrango.org](http://www.californiagrango.org) in the members only section.

### Executive Committee Meeting, Saturday, December 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 AM, with all EC members present. Martha Stefanoni moved to approve the agenda. Second by Jon Luvaas. Motion was carried. 7-0.

Bob McFarland moved to approve the minutes from 10/17/2010 CSG Convention and Executive Committee meetings, as corrected. Second by Shirley Baker. Motion carried. 7-0.

Chairman Larry Kroger opened nominations for the election of the Executive Committee. Chairman Martha Stefanoni nominated Larry Kroger, who declined. Larry Kroger nominated Leo T. Bergeron. Bob McFarland nominated Shirley Baker. Ballots were passed out and counted by Amy Self. Final tally was: Shirley Baker 7 & Leo T. Bergeron 0. Shirley Baker was elected as the CSG Executive Committee Chairwoman for 2011.

Bob McFarland gave the Master's report. He discussed the El Camino Grange lawsuit. The judge's ruling was CSG has no liability.

Hessel Grange is being sued by a winery to allow access to their property via private road. It was decided to have CSG, Hessel Grange & the plaintiff sit down together to see if a solution can be found without resorting to lawsuits.

Amy Self gave updates on the financials. Shirley Baker moved to write off the old AR's. Second by Inger Bevans. Motion carried. 7-0.

Auto expenses: 292,000 miles on Grange's & everything is going bad. 2 transmissions so far. Inger Bevans moved to use reverted funds to pay off AR debt for W. Visalia, replace Grange Van, and the remainder to go into the Grange Hall Loan Fund. A second by Jon Luvaas, with the amendment to have the van make a statement with regards to mileage. Motion carried as amended. Master abstained. 6-0-1.

Property Tax is \$4,400.00 higher due to past updates that had not been billed by the city/county.

### Unfinished Business

Springfield Grange: Jon Luvaas moved to approve the Springfield consolidation with Prunedale. Approve the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall. All proceeds of the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall will go into the California Grange Foundation to be used in accordance with Article II, Section 1 Objectives & Purposes of the California Grange Foundation. Springfield Grange's recommendations will be considered. Terms of the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall must be approved by the CSG Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Leo T. Bergeron, and was carried. Inger Bevans abstained. 8-0-1. (Motion later rescinded)

Leo T. Bergeron moved to write new loan for Lake Earl Grange. Seconded by Shirley Baker. Motion carried. 7-0.

### New Business

Bonding: Fidelity bonds for Master, Secretary & Treasurer. Leo volunteered to check insurance policy & report back.

Rough & Ready Grange requesting loan to fix their road & parking lot. Request sent back asking them to check for better bids.

Honey Lake Grange requesting additional loan to repair damage from bad contractor. Request denied. Not enough funds available. Recommend temporary fix and civil lawsuit against contractor.

Leo discussed the National Grange Convention. Joseph Stefanoni thanked the CSG for paying airfare that allowed him to attend the National Grange Convention. Joseph is now a NG Youth Mentor & Youth Ambassador.

Next meeting will be Sat. February 5, 2011 at 9:00 AM. Adjourned

### Executive Committee Meeting, Saturday, February 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM, by Chairwoman Shirley Baker. The roll call showed all EC members present, with the exception of Jon Luvaas. Also present was Office Manager Amy Self, and Grange Foundation Chairman Tom Sawyer.

McFarland moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Stefanoni. Motion carried. 8-0.

Kroger moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2010 as corrected. Second by McFarland. Motion carried. 6-0.

CSG President McFarland gave his report to the Executive Committee. McFarland moved to use up to \$1,000.00 to purchase a DVD projector & screen to be used as a pilot program, by the Butte Pomona Granges. Second by Kroger. Motion carried 6-0.

Office Manager Amy Self gave the financial report. No AR debt.

Meeting recessed at 10:35 AM for Executive Session. Meeting reconvened at 11:07 AM.

### Unfinished Business

Larry Kroger & Inger Bevans gave the status of the investment portfolio. Stefanoni moved to change the signators to Bob McFarland, Marjan Nichols and Larry Kroger, on the Morgan Stanley accounts. Seconded by Bevans. Motion carried. 6-0.

McFarland moved to take funds and allocate them into CD's with 1, 2 & 3 year ending times. Seconded by Bergeron. Motion carried 6-0.

Bevans moved to continue to pay the Visalia loan at 2% for 2011. Seconded by Kroger. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting recessed at 11:30 AM for the Grange Foundation meeting. Meeting reconvened at 12:58 PM.

### Unfinished Business continued

The 2010 Convention still having issues with the hotel. The credit card company is handling the dispute at this time.

Bergeron moved to have the CSG President speak to Springfield Grange with a plan based on the recommendation from the National Grange President. Seconded by Stefanoni. Motion carried 5-0-1. Inger Bevans abstained.

McFarland moved to pay back the \$75,000.00 loan to Prunedale's Asset Management account. Seconded by Bergeron. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting recessed for a meeting of the Davis Creek Grange #404. 1:53 PM. Meeting reconvened at 1:55 PM.

McFarland moved to accept the agreement from Crescent Redwood Grange with a one-year term, with prior approval on all repairs absent an emergency. Seconded by Stefanoni. Motion carried 6-0.

Bergeron moved to investigate and support mobile slaughter units in rural areas. Second by Baker. Motion carried 6-0. Bergeron was appointed committee Chairman.

Bergeron moved to investigate a State Deputy position to include duties and funding. Seconded by Baker. Motion carried 6-0.

Bergeron moved the CSG investigate the possibilities of creating a Charter Grange School of Agriculture. Seconded by McFarland. Motion carried 6-0.

### New Business

Bergeron moved to have the CSG President take all necessary actions to secure all the materials relating to EXPO, up to and including 2010, and insure EXPO continues to be a viable program. Second by Stefanoni. Motion carried 6-0.

McFarland moved to approve funding for the FFA Emerging Agriculture Technology/Entrepreneurship placement Award of \$400.00. Seconded by Leo Bergeron. Motion carried 6-0.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 9, 2011 9:00 AM, with the Grange Foundation meeting immediately following.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.